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MARGINAL COLUMN

By GEORGE LEONOV

THE Berlin problem seems to have been unnecessarily complicated. Some of the aspects that are still presented as controversial ceased to be controversial long ago, if indeed they ever were. One is that the Soviet Union can, physically, transfer to East Germany at any time it chooses the control functions it exercises under the Potsdam Agreement. Another is that the Russians can withdraw their troops from Berlin, East Germany, or anywhere else whenever they choose to do so. The West may not — in fact, does not — agree to these measures, and with the greatest legal justification in the world, but there is nothing much it can do about it. In the latter case, the West would even be in the funny position of objecting to a withdrawal by the Soviet Army; though again, under the Potsdam Agreement, the West would seem to be well within its rights here as well.

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THERE are no fewer incongruities on the Russian side. The claim that withdrawal from Berlin of all Soviet and Western troops is in any way comparable is patently absurd; the Soviet army need withdraw only a few miles to be outside Berlin's city limits; the Allies — a hundred miles. The whole issue of foreign troops in Berlin itself is purely artificial. The Soviet Union cannot be seriously worried that the several thousand U.S., British and French troops in Berlin constitute a military danger. What most troubles the Russians under the present conditions prevailing in Berlin would not cease to be an irritant to them even if the divided capital were turned into a free city — if it were to be genuinely free, that is. It would be just as accessible to the thousands of refugees crossing to the West weekly, and it would serve just as well as a "listening-post," or intelligence centre, as it does now. As long as Moscow appears to be concealing its real intentions with regard to its Berlin proposals, the West's negative reactions are not surprising. The East Germans, for once, appear as extroverts compared to the Russians. They openly proclaim that the Soviet intention is to compel the West willy-nilly to do business with a regime it does not recognize. This frankness, of course, is a newly acquired East German commodity that clearly bears the imprint of a foreign trade mark.

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BUT after all this has been said, where does the West stand if the Russians within six months abdicate their Potsdam functions in favour of the East Germans? Mr. Dulles has said that the West will deal with the East Germans, on a *de facto* basis, whenever this should prove inevitable. Dr. Adenauer, on the other hand, is less than enthusiastic over the prospect of his non-German allies having closer contact with the East Teutonic tribes than his own Government. For one thing, it isn't the sort of situation that could appeal to the German nationalistic instinct, which was not burned to ashes in the ditch with Hitler. The Bonn Government's official stand remains that the German problem must be settled by negotiations between the East and West, and not between the two parts of Germany as demanded by the Russians. This position, while it cannot claim much success as far as the country's reunification is concerned, is at least solidly based on the argument that there is no East German Government recognized by the West. Should the West begin to have even *de facto* dealings with the East Germans, this position would *(de facto)* be weakened, however much the West insists that periodical contact on routine matters is a far cry from formal recognition. Yet this is the situation that is likely to come about before next July 1 unless the West in the meantime comes forward with an alternative proposal which, while it need not be something the Russians would welcome, would make it embarrassing for Moscow to reject.

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It need not be repeated that the present Western position — that the future of Germany be settled by free elections in both parts of the divided country, and that a Germany thus united be free to choose its own course — is morally and politically unassailable. Its one drawback is that it is impractical. The Russians are not going to give their consent to uniting Germany as long as it is certain — and certain it is — that a united Germany will join the Western camp. Under foreseeable circumstances Germany can either become the focal point of an East-West "disengagement"—which in fact means its neutralization on the Austrian pattern — or Russia will work to consolidate its division in the hope that at some point this developing process will frighten Bonn into greater compliance.

Jerusalem, December 2, 1958.

Arson Probed as 90 Die in School Fire

CHICAGO. — Police arson squad detectives and F.B.I. agents on Tuesday probed the still smouldering ruins of a Roman Catholic elementary school here to discover whether arson was behind a fire that killed 87 children and three nuns and injured another 100 pupils on Monday.

They examined black smudges — apparently caused by burning oil or petrol — and a 30-gallon steel drum found in the charred shell of the building. They were also said to be seeking two men seen near the school shortly before the fire broke out. But early on Tuesday an officer of the police arson squad said there was reason to believe the blaze might have started accidentally through a pupil burning some rubbish.

The fire flashed through the school, Our Lady of the Angels, like a bush fire, engulfing the older wing of the three-storey brick structure.

Police reinforcements were rushed to the scene to hold back a crowd of 10,000 which gathered, including hundreds of frantic mothers and fathers who swarmed around the blazing building shouting: "Where are our children?"

Heroic Rescues

Heroic rescue efforts by nuns, priests and parents who raced into the burning school saved more than 1,000 of the 1,300 petrified children inside as the fire spread. Firemen and police, many of them openly weeping, carried out bodies, laying them in the playground and covering them with blankets as priests administered the last rites.

Many of the children escaped by obeying the orders of their teachers to crawl along the floor where there was a thin layer of air below the smoke. Some who tried to leap to safety from the upper storeys hurtled to their death in the school yard.

One man, Max Spachura, who lives across an alley from the school and had two children there, ran to the building and caught or broke the fall of 12 children who jumped from windows. Then he saw the face of his own son, Mark, at a window. "Jump, jump, Mark. I'll catch you!" he yelled. The boy could not move. His face disappeared. His body was found later.

Ambulance Convoys

Convoys of ambulances bore the bloodstained bodies — some charred beyond recognition — away to the county morgue, where crowds of distracted parents struggled to enter and examine them.

First sign of the blaze had been black smoke seeping under classroom doors. It was not until the fire was controlled several hours later that the full extent of the tragedy was realized.

It was the worst school fire in Chicago's history and the city's most tragic blaze since the Iroquois Theatre fire killed 575 persons in 1903. It was the nation's worst school fire since 294 were killed in an explosion and fire at New London, Texas, in March, 1937.

In Rome, Pope John was informed of the disaster shortly after he rose on Tuesday morning and immediately arranged for a letter of condolence to be sent to Chicago.

(Reuter, UP)

Greece Says U.K. Warned of War

UNITED NATIONS. — Greece charged on Tuesday that Britain threatened war in Cyprus if partition of the strategic Mediterranean island between its Greek and Turkish communities is ruled out.

Greek Foreign Minister Evangelos Averoff accused British Minister of State Cmdr. Allan Noble of "trampling the principles of the U.N. and of the Atlantic Pact" by objecting to a nine-power compromise resolution, promoted by India, which would eliminate partition as a solution to the island's troubles.

Cmdr. Noble told the General Assembly's main political committee on Monday night that the nine-power resolution misquoted him by saying the British firmly opposed partition of the island. The resolution would have the Assembly call for continued negotiations towards self-government for Cyprus while preserving the island's "integrity."

Sees Wider Conflict

"I would ask those who agree with us that integrity is to be desired to weigh carefully the danger that by formally insisting on it now, we may in fact provoke its opponents to resist the decision by civil war, or even wider conflict," Cmdr. Noble said.

Turkey favours partition. Greece wants independence, with the possibility of "enosis," or union with Greece, in the background.

"The representative of the United Kingdom threatened this committee with civil war and even worse," Mr. Averoff said. "He did so in order to reserve the possibility of partition for the benefit of another power, even though it was partition everyone has said he was opposed to.

"Essentially, the delegate of the United Kingdom threatened the U.N. with war if the U.N. were to take a decision in accord with its considered judgment. The statement is unique in U.N. annals. It holds out the threat of war It is a direct invitation to violence.

"The representative of the United Kingdom invited tacitly the Turkish Cypriots to murder their Greek compatriots..."

U.N. Votes $ 3.6m. Budget for UNOGIL

UNITED NATIONS (Reuter). — The General Assembly's Administrative and Budgetary Committee on Monday agreed to appropriate from the 1958 working budget $3,600,000 for the U.N. observer group in Lebanon and $100,000 for the U.N. "presence" in Jordan.

Poland to Propose Revised Version of Rapacki Plan

GENEVA (Reuter). — The Polish Deputy Foreign Minister, Mr. Marian Naszkowski, said in Geneva on Tuesday that the revised Rapacki Plan for an atom-free zone in Central Europe would not be delivered to governments in the form of a note.

The Minister told journalists, "There are many ways of presenting a government's views without resorting necessarily to sending notes."

The original plan evolved by the Polish Foreign Minister, Mr. Adam Rapacki, was presented in the U.N. General Assembly in October last year. It proposed a central European zone in which a ban would be imposed on the production and stockpiling of atomic and thermonuclear weapons, and which would embrace East and West Germany, Poland and Czechoslovakia. The plan was rejected by the Western powers.

Mr. Naszkowski is leading the Polish delegation to the East-West conference in Geneva on prevention of military surprise attack.

The conference is still critically deadlocked. Well-informed diplomatic observers here think they are on the brink of failure.

Meanwhile, the parallel three-power nuclear test ban conference under way here continued its detailed discussion of the substance of a possible treaty. One conference source said the discussion showed some progress.

Two Share £ 300,000 UK Soccer Pool Prize

LIVERPOOL, England (Reuter). — Two people will share a world record football pool dividend of £300,266, Littlewoods Pools announced here on Tuesday.

One winner, a 51-year-old ironmonger from Exeter, Western England, also won 33 minor dividends. The other winner — a Manchester man — said he wanted to remain anonymous.

U.S. Appeals to Soviets For Better Relations

UNITED NATIONS (Reuter). — The U.S. on Tuesday appealed to the Soviet Union for better relations between the two countries.

A U.S. delegate, Mr. George Harrison, made the appeal in the U.N. Special Political Committee discussing a nine-power resolution calling for measures aimed at the implementation and promotion of peaceful and neighbourly relations between states.

Mr. Harrison said the U.S. was asking the U.S.S.R. "in utter seriousness" to do four things: 1) end radio jamming; 2) allow foreign newspapers and magazines, regardless of ideology, to be sold freely in Russia; 3) let foreign press correspondents work in the Soviet Union without censorship or harassment; and 4) permit all U.N. publications to be sold publicly in the U.S.S.R. and make these documents available at Soviet universities and libraries.

U.S. Missile Hits 1,500 m.p.h. Target

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — The U.S. Army announced on Monday night that one of its new Nike-Hercules anti-aircraft missiles had destroyed a target travelling at over 1,500 m.p.h. at an altitude of more than 12 miles.

Batteries of the Nike-Hercules, which can be fitted with a nuclear warhead, have been stationed around half-a-dozen key U.S. cities since July, when the missile became operational.

Guinea Asks France For Support at UN

CONAKRY (UPI). — The Prime Minister of Guinea, Mr. Sekou Toure, requested General de Gaulle on Tuesday to pledge France's support when the independent new African republic seeks U.N. membership.

Mr. Toure, who led this former French colony to independence during the French referendum earlier this autumn, said he attached the "highest importance" to knowing Gen. de Gaulle's feelings on the subject.

France has recognized the fact of Guinea's independence but has not yet granted official diplomatic recognition.

De Gaulle Due In Algiers Today

General de Gaulle is due to leave Paris today (Wednesday) for his fourth visit to Algeria since he became Prime Minister in June. His five-day tour will include the Sahara.

In Algeria, five lists of candidates defeated in the recent elections there on Tuesday contested the results and claimed pressure had been exercised on voters or that irregularities had occurred in the vote itself.

Supporters of unsuccessful Public Safety Committee candidates in the Algiers suburbs staged a minor demonstration outside the city prefecture on Monday night shouting that the election had been "fixed." *(Reuter)*

Cloudburst in T.A.; Rain for All Today

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A cloud-burst flooded parts of southern Tel Aviv about nine o'clock on Tuesday night, and ushered in a spell of rainy weather which will cover most of the country today (Wednesday), according to the meteorological office at Lydda airport.

"Excellent weather for farmers," the weatherman told *The Jerusalem Post*.

Last night's downpour swamped the busy Rehov Salame from Rehov Herzl down to Jaffa. Twelve *sherut* taxis which were travelling this way at the time of the cloudburst were marooned for some time owing to the depth of the water. The rain flooded the gutters and began seeping into a number of shops.

Moderate rainfall was reported from Galilee yesterday, while eight m.m. were recorded in the Emek.

Toledano Nomination Sparks 'Religious' Debate in Knesset

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN, Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

After getting off to a slow start on Monday, the Knesset debate on the Prime Minister's nomination of Rabbi Y. M. Toledano as Minister for Religious Affairs gained momentum on Tuesday. Mr. Ben-Gurion will wind up the debate only this morning (Wednesday), and it is expected that Rabbi Toledano will be sworn in immediately afterwards.

As was the case on Monday, Rabbi Toledano's qualifications for the post occupied only a relatively minor part in the debate. Much more attention was devoted to the registration directives, the role of *halacha*, alleged discrimination against the Sephardic community, the status of religion in the State of Israel, and the "sages of Israel" whom the Committee of Three has asked for guidance.

Interruptions from the floor were the order of the day. And although Mr. Meir Argov (Mapai) declared that his party regarded the National Religious Party's absence from the Government as only temporary — thus echoing the Prime Minister's remark on Monday that the connection between the two parties was not ended — one would never think so from the tone of the debate.

Bar-Yehuda and Burg

The Minister of the Interior, Mr. Israel Bar-Yehuda, spoke for over an hour during the evening session. But he appeared to be deliberately vague on the question of whether the directives were still in force or not.

Earlier, Dr. Yosef Burg, (National Religious), the former Minister of Posts, asked what was meant by the statement that "the directives have been cancelled for the time being." If they had been cancelled why was the Committee of Three still functioning? And during the period when a vacuum existed — which might continue indefinitely — "the wound is open, painful, and dangerous."

Announcing that his party would move non-confidence in the Government, Dr. Burg said that the registration directives apparently were only the first of a series of anti-religious measures planned. Otherwise it was difficult to understand why the Government would open such a debate over a question involving some 20 or 30 children.

Mr. Bar-Yehuda, on the other hand, implied that the whole controversy was one of the National Religious Party's making, after ten years during which that party had participated in the Government.

Within a short space of time a number of incidents had arisen, Mr. Bar-Yehuda said. There was the Pardess Hanna burial case; there was the case of the soldier whom the Rabbinate refused to marry because it did not recognize his mother's conversion to Judaism by a Reform rabbi some 20 years ago; there was the ban on Hadera paper. None of these problems was new, but hitherto the religious parties had not made an issue of them.

As for mixed marriages, they too were no new phenomenon. Under his predecessors in the Ministry of the Interior, children of mixed marriages had been registered as Jews. In one case where the mother was Christian, the first two children in a certain family had been registered as Jews; a third child in the same family had the misfortune to be born during his term of office and could not be so registered.

When Mr. Israel Rokach (G.Z.) called from the floor, "But are the directives in force?," Mr. Bar-Yehuda replied: "They are in force." He then traced the history of the Cabinet's decisions on the subject, finally making the statement that all directives pertaining to the children of mixed marriages, issued since the establishment of the State, had been cancelled.

Must Take Stand

Mr. Joseph Serlin (G.Z.) made the point that a Minister is primarily a Member of the Government, and only secondarily the head of a Ministry. Rabbi Toledano would have to take a stand on a multitude of questions entirely unrelated to religion.

Referring to the various threats made to Rabbi Toledano by religious elements (and playing on the rabbi's first name, Ya'acov) he advised the Minister-designate: "Fear not, my servant Jacob." But the quotation boomeranged when Opposition Members countered with: "What, your servant?"

Mr. Argov also called attention to four religious elements in Israel life: (1) The Sabbath — observed nowhere else in the world as it is in Israel; (2) Kosher food in the Army; (3) the Marriage and Divorce Law, recognizing the Rabbinate as sole authority; and (4) State-supported religious education.

Mr. Ya'acov Nitzani (Mapai) praised the Sephardic rabbis for having contributed to "peace in Israel" by their liberal attitude. Rabbi Toledano would put an end to the use of religion as a political instrument.

Commenting on the list of "sages of Israel," Rabbi Kalman Kahana (Poalei Agudа) said that *halachic* questions could be decided only by qualified rabbis, and not by physicians, lawyers or historians. Once Rabbi Toledano took up the post of Minister, he would cease to be a *posek halacha* (qualified to rule on questions of Jewish law). He could not wear the crown of the Torah and the crown of political power at the same time.

Maiden Speech

In an eloquent maiden speech, Mr. Yerahmiel Assa, Ahdut Ha'avoda's new member, called for greater respect for one's fellow man, without regard to differences of belief. Rabbi Toledano does not regard the Torah as "a spade wherewith to dig" and he has shown a human attitude towards man as man, Mr. Assa said.

Mr. Idov Cohen (Prog.) said that under the present circumstances a narrow Coalition was not to the country's benefit, and he was therefore not happy over the departure of the National Religious Party. The Government's economic policy was liable to suffer as a result.

Mr. Beri Locker (Mapai) declared that it have invariably been the non-religious Jews who have shown tolerance towards the religious. The religious Jews, on the other hand, have shown intolerance and have tried to force their way of life on others.

Mrs. Esther Raziel-Naor (Herut) asked why Rabbi Toledano, who has reportedly said he would quit the Government if it decided against the *halacha*, should join the Government in the first place. She also asserted that Mr. Ben-Gurion had quoted Jabotinsky out of context. Actually Jabotinsky had had a much more positive attitude towards religion.

Ben-Zvi Urges Generous Giving To Assure Fresh Immigration

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — "The heart of the nation must now open to assure the renewal of immigration from countries from which Jews have been unable to come to Israel for many years." With these words of President Ben-Zvi, the nation's leaders officially opened the countrywide appeal for the Immigration Loan at the Habimah Theatre on Tuesday night.

A packed auditorium, which included Knesset Members and public figures, listened intently and soberly to the speeches which lasted just over an hour, and included the Prime Minister (see pg. 3, col. 2).

The President, in his message which was read by the Chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, Mr. Z. Shazar, declared that "of late, we have received news of heartwarming significance that the gates of certain countries hitherto closed will open and Jews be allowed to come here. This good omen means that we must open our hearts to them. The future of this immigration depends on how we receive the thousands of new arrivals," Mr. Ben-Zvi declared.

Unexpected Burden

The Jewish Agency treasurer, Dr. Dov Joseph, warned that the renewal of immigration has imposed an unexpected burden of tens of millions of pounds on the Government and the Jewish Agency. One thousand immigrants cost IL2.9m. — IL1.9m. in transport and initial absorption expenses, and IL1m. for housing. He explained that these new immigrants will arrive penniless and that the authorities have to provide for them from the moment they leave their homes in Europe.

Dr. Joseph was dramatically interrupted by a woman in the hall who heckled "What about the *ma'barot*. Why don't you do away with them first!"

As she was escorted out of the hall by ushers, Dr. Joseph interrupted his speech to say to her, "Madame, you were also an immigrant once. You must realize that we cannot stop immigration for the sake of doing away with the *ma'barot*. Our friends in the Diaspora, to our sorrow, have not helped sufficiently to allow us to do so," he said.

The Chairman of the Loan Council Executive, Dr. Y. Foerder, declared that "there are many who press for unlimited immigration, but they are not prepared to take the consequences on themselves." By underwriting the loan, "you are helping yourselves, for if we do not absorb the immigrants, then every one of us will suffer," he warned. The loan is an excellent investment, he explained.

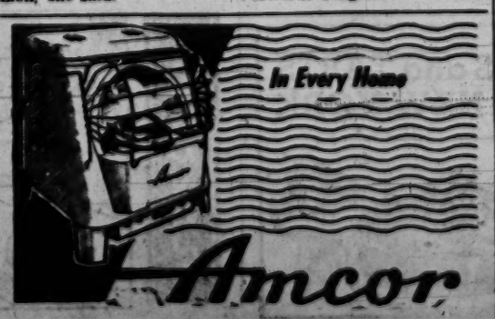
Mrs. Senta Josephthal, speaking on behalf of the Histadrut Executive, announced that the Histadrut will distribute 50 per cent of the loan — IL10m. — to its members and Mayor Haim Levanon promised that Tel Aviv would do its part.

Messages in support of the loan were received from the Chief Rabbis of Tel Aviv, Rabbis Y.M. Toledano and I. Y. Untermann.

A new immigrant from Rumania, Mrs. Bruria Horowitz, came to the microphone and in halting Hebrew spoke of her first months in this country. "We came here 59 days ago, my husband, myself and our two little children. We have been received wonderfully. It's not only the chocolate that the children received at the Airport, but the attitude to them which mattered."

She praised the help given the family by PATWA. Both she and her husband had finished an ulpan and she was now teaching at a seminar for Arab students in Jaffa. Three weeks after their arrival, the family received a three room flat in Rishon le-Zion, she said.

> The President of the World Zionist Organization, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, has cabled the Jewish Agency Executive that he will buy IL5,000 in Immigration Loan Bonds, it was officially announced on Tuesday night.



Sudan Wants Talks on Nile Without U.K.

KHARTOUM (Reuter). — The new Sudanese irrigation Minister, Brigadier Ahmed Abdullah Hamed, said on Tuesday that the Sudan would not accept British participation in talks on the Nile waters dispute with the U.A.R.

He said Britain had taken part in such talks in the past on the behalf of Sudan, but now Sudan would talk with the U.A.R. only, in Khartoum, he added.

Talks on the division of the Nile waters between the U.A.R. and Sudan broke down earlier this year. The 1929 Nile Waters Agreement was signed by Britain and Egypt. When Sudan became independent in 1956 she refused to recognize the agreement.

Baghdad Radio reported that Iraq has agreed to receive a number of Sudanese officers for training at its staff colleges.

Earlier, it was announced that the Sudanese Ministry of the Interior has closed down the Marxist newspaper "El Midan," and has confiscated copies of the Cairo weekly newspaper "Rose el-Youssef."

The action against the Cairo Publication was taken because it printed reports criticizing the deposed Prime Minister, Abdullah Khalil and his Government, it was stated.

Usually reliable sources in London, meanwhile, said that Britain is expected to send a new consignment of arms to the new Sudanese regime soon. It would be the same consignment which, according to an announcement last month, Britain was to have sent the old regime but which had not been shipped when the new Government gained power on November 17. The quantity of arms has not been disclosed.

Lebanon May Get $10m. In Aid from America

BEIRUT. — Government sources said here that the U.S. Ambassador, Mr. Robert McClintock, on Tuesday discussed a possible $10m. aid plan with Lebanese Government leaders.

Mr. McClintock visited Prime Minister Rashid Karameh and Foreign Minister Hussein Queini.

An authoritative source said the Government has agreed to the opening of a U.N. liaison office in Beirut to arrange for supplies to the U.N. envoys office in Amman. But the source stressed that this does not constitute a U.N. "presence" in the Lebanon.

Knesset Body Studies Girls' Army Service

The Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee continued the discussion adjourned last week on the duration of military service for girls.

The Chief of Staff, Rav-Aluf Haim Laskov and Aluf-Mishne Yehuda Nitzan, who participated in both sessions of the Committee, are understood to have answered the points raised during last week's debate in the Committee.

The Committee will wind up its debate next week.

U.S. Families Free To Return to Jordan

AMMAN (UPI). — A U.S. Embassy spokesman announced on Tuesday that dependents of members of the American mission here are authorized to return to Jordan from December 5.

Just over 100 of them were advised to move from here to Rome on August 9 because of "instability" prevailing throughout the area.

Iraq Getting Russian Arms, West Reveals

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — The State Department spokesman said on Tuesday that the Department "places credence" in reports that the Soviet Union was supplying significant quantities of arms to Iraq.

Other officials said the U.S. has received reports during the last two weeks of Soviet arms shipments to Iraq.

In London, the Foreign Office spokesman told a questioner that he "would not think it was unlikely" that Soviet ships had unloaded arms for the Iraqi government at the Iraqi port of Basrah.

The spokesman was questioned at his daily press conference about a report in a London morning paper of deliveries of Soviet arms to Iraq.

The spokesman said: "I have no comment to make on reports of the landing of Soviet arms to Iraq." Asked whether he believed the report, he said: "I would not think it was unlikely."

Soviets Say West Inciting Israel

UNITED NATIONS (INA). Britain and the U.S. are arming Israel heavily to prepare it for "aggression" against neighbouring Arab countries, according to charges distributed here on Tuesday by the permanent delegation of the Soviet Union.

The charges allege that Britain alone has sent to Israel not only two submarines but also heavy tanks, guns, radar equipment, helicopters and jet aircraft, the total armaments consigned to Israel by the London Government being valued at £50m.

The U.S., according to the charges being spread by the Communists, is negotiating a project for furnishing the Israel army with rocket weapons. "Military facilities," states the Soviet document, "are being built in the Negev desert in the immediate vicinity of Arab territory."

The U.S. intends using this area as a testing ground for rocket weapons.

New Anti-Israel Book

Reports from London state that Moscow's increasing concern with the Soviet Jewish problem and particularly with the desire of Soviet Jews to emigrate to Israel was reflected on Tuesday in announcements in the Soviet capital of the forthcoming publication of a new book attacking Israel as a pawn of the capitalist West.

The new volume will be "Behind the Scenes of Israel Politics" by V. Leonidov, well-known Communist publicist who has written several articles severely critical of Israel.

It follows by only a few weeks the publication of "The State of Israel—Its Position and Politics", which severely attacked Israel's policies. (The book was reviewed in *The Jerusalem Post* last Friday.)

The Leonidov diatribe, according to advance announcements, will describe the "aggressive adventures" of Israel's politicians in planning attacks on the Arab countries.

League Claims Support Of Israel 'Peace Threat'

CAIRO (UPI). — The Arab League on Tuesday accused the Western Powers and Israel of threatening Middle East peace by preventing repatriation of Arab refugees.

The League's Acting Secretary-General, Abdal Moneim Mustafa, said, "There shall be no peace or stability in the Arab East until the torrent of Jewish immigration stops, before foreign aid to Israel in any shape or form ends, and before the Arab refugees are returned to their homes, given security and just compensation."

Mustafa, addressing a press conference, said Western "financial, military and even moral" aid to Israel was part of a "conspiracy designed to stem the tide of the Arab surge."

SOVIET TURBO-PROP

MOSCOW (Reuter). — The Soviet news agency, Tass, claimed on Tuesday that a Soviet four-engine turbo-prop aircraft, the IL18, had set up a world record by reaching a height of 13,274 metres with a five-ton cargo.

US-Persian Treaty Seen Threat to Iraq

The Iraqi envoy in Cairo, Fa'ek Samarrai, declared on Tuesday that the "American-Persian agreement constitutes a direct threat to Iraq, which is now contacting Arab and other countries in order to face this situation"

(The Persian Foreign Minister, Ali Asgar Hekmat, announced on November 10 that Persia would sign a defence and economic agreement with the U.S.)

Samarrai also told reporters that Iraq supported independence for Bahrein, the British-protected state in the Persian Gulf.

Earlier, the envoy told a press conference that Iraq is ready to investigate President Bourguiba's accusations that the U.A.R. plotted to assassinate him, provided the Tunisian leader himself agrees to the probe.

The U.A.R. announced on Monday night that it had requested both Iraq and the Arab League to investigate the accusations which resulted in Tunisia breaking off diplomatic relations with the Nasser regime last month.

Expressing Iraq's willingness to carry out such an investigation, Samarrai said that if Bourguiba refused to accept a neutral inquiry into the charges, it would only mean they were unfounded.

Cairo Radio on Tuesday meanwhile continued its two-week-old campaign against Bourguiba, describing him as an "imperialist agent."

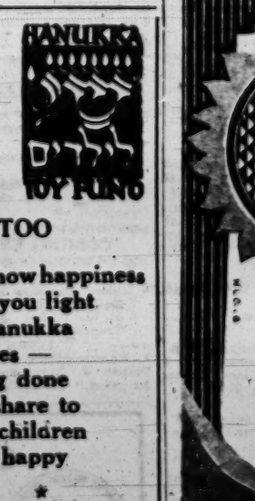
(Reuter, Baghdad and Cairo R.)

U.A.R. Charges Israel Planes Over Gaza

The U.A.R. on Tuesday charged that four Israel military planes had violated Gaza strip air space, INA reported from Washington. The protest was made to the Egyptian-Israel Mixed Armistice Commission, the report said, quoting a dispatch from Cairo.

Another protest was lodged against Israel's detention of a small Egyptian ship off Haifa on Saturday. The U.A.R. demanded immediate release of the 150-ton schooner Massoud and its cargo and eight-man crew, claiming that the Israel navy seized the vessel on the high seas 25 miles off the Israel coast.

The schooner, on its way from Alexandria to Beirut with a cargo of carpets and salt, strayed into Haifa, apparently in the belief that it had reached its destination. Its crew was detained for interrogation.



Social & Personal

The President on Tuesday received the Minister of Education and Culture, Mr. Zalman Aranne. The President also received Mr. Yosef Almogi, M.K., Mr. M. Zinger and Mr. D. Gorfunkel of the Haifa Labour Council who presented Mr. Ben-Zvi with a copy of Mr. Zinger's book, "The Beginnings of Socialist Zionism." On Monday, the President and Mrs. Ben-Zvi entertained the Foreign Minister, Mrs. Golda Meir, to luncheon.

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The Israel Minister to Ceylon, Dr. Daniel Lewin, on Monday presented his credentials to the Governor-General of Ceylon, Sir Oliver Goonetilleke. Mr. Natanel Lorch is Chargé d'Affaires at the Israel Legation in Colombo, while Dr. Lewin is Resident Ambassador in Rangoon.

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The Foreign Minister, Mrs. Golda Meir, on Tuesday received Mr. P. Dwivedi, Deputy Chairman of the Indian Socialist Party. Mr. Dwivedy also visited the Histadrut Executive Building in Tel Aviv where he was received by Mr. Reuven Barkatt, head of the Political Department.

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The Minister of Commerce and Industry, Mr. P. Sapir, on Tuesday received Mr. Ernest Jerome Yancy, the Liberian Ambassador. Mr. Sapir also received Mr. Albert A. List, Manager of Intourist and member of the Board of Directors of Rogosin Industries. He was accompanied by Mr. J. Mack.

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The Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Kadish Luz, visited the laboratories and production plant of Rafa Laboratories in Jerusalem on Tuesday. He was accompanied by Dr. Benjamin Avniel, M.K., Chairman of the Knesset Economic Committee, and was shown the latest developments at Rafa, including the polio vaccine section, by Baruch S. Levin, head of the firm.

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The new Minister of Posts, Mr. Y. Barzilai, on Monday was introduced to Ministry senior officials by the Director-General, Mr. Haim Ben-Menahem.

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The Norwegian Minister, Mr. Carl Irgens, on Monday paid a courtesy call on the President of the Supreme Court, Justice Olshan.

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Chief Rabbi Herzog on Monday received the rebbe of Bohov, Rabbi Shlomo Halberstam.

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General Marcel Carpentier, of the French Army, visited the Hebrew University on Tuesday and was received by the Administrator, Mr. Y. Aran.

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Judge Sergio Piperno, President of the Association of Jewish Communities of Italy, visited Hechal Shlomo on Tuesday.

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Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Levenstein, of Kew Gardens, N.Y., members of the Board of the American Committee for Sha'arei Zedek Hospital, Jerusalem, have visited the Hospital where they were received by Dr. F. Schlesinger.

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Mr. J. Shuval, Director of Hillel House, will give a talk on "Extracurricular Activities of Students," at today's (Wednesday) luncheon meeting of the Jerusalem Rotary Club. Mr. Israel Rogosin will address the Sharon Rotary Club on Wednesday (today) at 8 p.m., at the Sharon Hotel, Herzliya.

EXPRESSION OF THANKS

Pliah (née Nebenzahl) and Shalom Albeck beg to express their cordial thanks and those of their parents for the kindness shown to them on the occasion of their wedding.

OBITUARY

MOSHE DOUKHAN

We regret to announce the death in Jerusalem of Moshe Doukhan, at the age of 74, on December 2, 1958. He is deeply mourned by his family. The funeral will leave the Ziv Hospital at 3 p.m. today.

Free Car Imports Proposed by Ministries

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The price of the Renault "Dauphine" assembled in Israel by Kaiser-Frazer may rise by IL200-IL300 if the Interministerial Economic Committee approves a proposal now before it for the liberalization of car imports.

According to the proposal, import licences for foreign cars will be issued on request to any Israel resident. The exchange rate for imported vehicles will range between IL8 and IL11 per dollar, the exact rate being determined by the car's weight and year of manufacture. Hitherto no import licences for foreign cars have been issued to local residents.

A compromise proposal on the amount of duty to be imposed on the imported cars has been reached between the Ministries of Finance and of Transport and has been forwarded to the Interministerial Committee, which began consideration of the proposal at its meeting on Sunday and will conclude it next week.

Jordan Parliament Asks Release of Detainees

Both Houses of the Jordan Parliament meeting in emergency session on Monday gave their support to the Royal decree lifting martial law, Reuter reports.

Parliament sent a message thanking the King for the measure. It also called on the Government to release all political detainees jailed in desert concentration camps during the period of martial law imposed 19 months ago.

Toy Fund Has IL 2,000 Day

Toy Fund cash contributions reached an all-time high on Tuesday when IL2,002.200 came in. This brings the total so far to IL10,639.382.

This is the only IL2,000 day in the fund's 10-year history.

The Student Council of the Hebrew University Secondary School in Jerusalem, on Tuesday turned over to the Fund IL50 in cash and a large collection of books and toys, while the Tabeetha School in Jaffa sent in their annual IL40. Our old friend A. S. of Santiago, Chile, sent in his cheque increased to $150 this year.

As she does every year, Mrs. B. Strugo of Tel Aviv, brought a hand-picked collection of beautiful toys. She also collected IL78 from her friends.

Toy Fund contributors of the last few days include:

IL405 Paul Baer, Keren Hayesod Head Office, Jerusalem and Shoshanna through their children Ronnie and Anat; David Rubinger and Annie through their children Tami and Ami, and Rolf M. Kneller and Anne through their children Daniella and Dorit. All three contributions (IL135 each) in honour of the UJA Study Mission from Toronto, Canada.

$150 A.S., Santiago de Chile.

IL80 The children of Tabeetha School, Jaffa.

IL50 Management & Staff I.E. Mittwoch & Sons Ltd., Tel Aviv. Student Council of Hebrew University Secondary School, Jerusalem.

SF 100 El Al, Zurich.

$ 20 Eleanor B. Reid, San Francisco.

IL35 Taal Ltd., Pardess Hanna.

I.M. Sacharoff & Sons Ltd., Tel Aviv. In memory of Rudi Rudberg and his parents, Jerusalem.

IL21.150 Youth & Hechaluts Department of the World Zionist Organization, Jerusalem.

IL30 Y's Men's Club, Jerusalem Y.M.C.A. Sachar Ltd., Tel Aviv. Yona, Bracha, Pnina & Peggy Zion, Pituah Herzlia.

IL 18 Glenn, Burry & Eliot, New York. Ronny, Gila & Sammy Yacobowitz, Pituah Herzliah.

IL 15 K.M. Joachimsohn; Ezra, Tel Ganim. Pat Carol & Penelope, Beit Yitzhak. Dalia & Aloni Braude, Pituah Herzlia.

IL 11 Anonymous, Jerusalem.

IL10 Staff & Pupils of Police Officers' High School: In memory of Micha Rosenthal, Pardess Hanna. In memoriam of Rivka Berger; Shifra Moscovits; N.N.; Gideon Lapin; Manal Hoffer; Mrs. Susan Strugo; Michael & Gabriel; Shoshana K.; Dr. Levinsky; Dr. A. & Dr. A.W. in memory of Joseph Salsberger; Jacob Hirshberg, Ramat Gan. Erna Epstein; Mr. Louvish; Mr. A.A. Weinberg, in memoriam of Marion Hoeflen; Anonymous; Jacob Japhet & Co., Ltd.; P.O.B. 79; N.N.; Noa and Ehud Elitsur in memory of their great-grandmother Neulander; Sabta Erna in honour of Dani, Gadi, Noni and Udi; Charlotte Store, in memory of Marian Hoeflen; Dr. E. Wolfsohn, Jerusalem. Family Zorn, Ahuza, Haifa. Nazareth Rotary. Ezra, Kiryat Bialik. David W. Pessen, Haifa. In memory of Mr. William Faas Michal & Yael Hirschorn, Haifa. Edith Rotenstein, Ramat Chen. Dr. Ed Isaac; Dolly; Dr. Davidovits; Daniela Mochrik, Tel Aviv. Skal Club; Anonymous, Jerusalem. Zigy Boxenbaum, Pituah Herzliah. N. N., Kvutzat Geva. Anne Stern Margalit, Zahala in memory of Chanan Stern.

$ 5 Esther Braun, New York City.

IL8 Asher and Clara Cz. (0.500 for each grandchild), Jerusalem. Photo Pri-Or, Tel Aviv.

IL7.500 Dr. B.L., Tel Aviv.

IL6 Leni Weill, Nahariya. Daniel Samuel Poa, aged one year, from his grandparents.

IL 5 Otto Cohn, Kfar Malal; Ariella, Dorith, Michal, Schalvit, from grandmother; Dr. F. S.; Auntie Anne for her niece Melanie in London; Judith Strugo; Bella Behar; Ester Politi; Becky Slotnik; Mrs. Canetti; Avidor, Rehovot. Danny, Gil, Nili Slevin; Zentner; Iwanir; Meira Fish; Anonymous; Anonymous, Ramat Gan. Dr. Gidron (in memory of Shlomo Rosenberg who fell on the Castel); Walter Levy; Yoram & Amos; Lonore; Pupils of the Evelina de Rothschild School; from Yohanan Boehm in lieu of a Batmitzva present to Stacia-Iona Super; Anonymous; Genia Levy in memory of Mrs. Erna Bernheim; Motti and Uri in memory of their grandfather Paul Jellinek; M. A.; 'From Shlomo and Ronni"; Felber Family, Jerusalem. Haya Elkana, Tiberias. Marian, Josepha & John Sless (Brighton); S.M.L. in loving memory of S.E.O. Children of Askian Family, London-Wembley. Dr. Dror; Ilan (6) and Doris (3) Marcks, Haifa. Mrs. Tamari, Kiryat Bialik. N.N., Kfar Shemaryahu. Fritz Linder Bet Yitzhak. Mrs. Violette Joshua, Megiddo Dafna.

IL2.500 Jehudit & Uri Hes; Ruth Radlauer, Jerusalem. Mrs. Rosenow, Ramot Hashavim. Josef & Hanna Setwi, Jerusalem.

IL2 Roth Kossowsky; Mrs. J. Lasri, Tel Aviv. Dr. Less; Dr. G. Gabriels; Hermann; Paul Ginsburg; Gottlieb; Dr. Wachsner; L. Jacobi; Mr. Bar; Mrs. Winter; Mr. Schwager; Mr. Waller; Mrs. Lechner; Ramot Hashavim, N.N. Haifa. Eli & Dan; Argov, Zahala.

IL1.500 For the recovery of my dear sister Esther, Haifa. A. Simon; Mrs. Marcus, Ramot Hashavim.

IL1 Anonymous; Danziger, Tel Aviv. Mrs. Oppenheimer; Abramsohn; Dr. Powitser; Mrs. Beher; Mr. Ullman; Mr. Jerashewsky, Ramot Hashavim. 5 Anonymous contributions: Nina Schiff, Kfar Ata. Amos Gera, Jerusalem.

IL0.200 Mr. Hammer of Ramot Hashavim.

IL0.100 N.N. Ramot Hashavim.

N. Americans Holding Hanukka Ball Sat.

The Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel is holding its annual Hanukka ball on Saturday night at the King David Hotel. For the IL5 a head admission, the Association promises dancing till dawn and a raffle that will include weekends at the Accadia and Sharon hotels as prizes.

Proceeds from the ball will go to the Association's Social Welfare and Loan Fund.

PACKAGING EXHIBIT MOVES TO CAPITAL

The Israel Institute of Industrial Design travelling packaging exhibition opened in Jerusalem on Tuesday in the foyer of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. It will be on display there through December 31.

The Travelling Exhibition consists of well-designed packages from the United States, Europe, and Israel.

Exports to Turkey Freed from Disagio

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The disagio imposed on exports to Turkey has been cancelled as of Sunday, November 30, the spokesman of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry announced.

Up till now, exporters to Turkey have received only 70 per cent of the official rate of exchange for exports, because the prices of imports from Turkey—used to pay for Turkish imports from Israel — were much higher than world market prices.

Following the recent receipt of a large Western loan, Turkey has brought her export prices into line with world prices, thus enabling the Israel Government to abolish the disagio. Israel exporters to Turkey will now also receive the regular export premiums given exporters to other markets.

THE MINISTRY of Education has announced that secondary schools which were closed during the recent teachers' strike will hold classes during the first four days of Hanukka. Secondary school pupils will begin their holiday on Thursday, December 11, and classes will reopen on the following Monday.

Where to go

• **Meet the Israeli:** — Tourists invited to meet Israelis at home. Information at Government Tourist Office, Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa.

JERUSALEM

• **Zoo:** — Jerusalem Biblical Zoo. 8-6.

• **Exhibitions:** — New Exhibitions: 10 Years of Archaeological Activities, 1948-1958. Department of Antiquities, 25 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech, 9-1; 3-5.

Permanent exhibition of Jewish Ceremonial Art. 100 works of Jules Pascin (Bezalel Museum's Collection). Ludwig Schwerin, watercolours, gouaches and drawings. Paintings by Landau, of the Ecole de Paris. Woodcut illustrations to Virgil. 1502 edition. Archaeological pieces from the Museum's collections. Samples of Primitive Sculpture. Bezalel Museum 9-1; 2.30-5.

Oil paintings by Kalman Hack, Artists' House, 10-1; 4-6.

• **Tours** — Hebrew University conducted tour in English, daily at 12 noon, New University Campus.

Spend a morning with Hadassah on a conducted tour starting at 9 a.m. Book for this tour by phoning 4061, Hadassah Club, Straus Health Centre.

• **Film Shows:** — Israel Films daily, 11.30 Keren Hayesod Hall.

TEL AVIV

• **Restaurants:** — Italian specialities. Lunch, Dinner. Luky's Bar Restaurant, 2 Allenby Rd. First Class Italian menu at IL4. Phone 23782.

• **Theatre:** — Habimah, "Street of Stairs," 8. Cameri, "Look Homeward Angel," 8.

• **Exhibitions:** — "Wine on View," Wine Tourist Club 61 Rehov Hayarkon, 9-2. "Sculpture in Israel — 1957-1958," Tel Aviv Museum, 10-4. Painters and Sculptors Gallery, 26 Rehov Weizmann, 10-1; 4-7. Paintings by David Labkovski, Artists Pavilion, 9 Rehov Alharizi, 10-1, 4-7. Israel Sculpture 1957-58. Biblical Illustrations by Chagall, Tel Aviv Museum, 10-4.

• **Israel National Opera:** — "Fledermaus," 8.30.

• **Tourist Service:** — Visit Hadassah Club, 99 Rehov Hayarkon, Tel. 28288. Wizo Club, 91 Rehov Hayarkon, Tel. 26825, 8-2 p.m.

• **Z.O.A. House:** —

• **Poetry Reading Circle:** — "Mark Twain Stories" and "The Farmer Takes a Wife," 8.30.

• **Tourist Service:** — 9 a.m. — 9 p.m. daily.

HAIFA

• **Tourist Service:** — Hadassah Club, Youth Aliyah Offices, 22 Rehov Hehaluts, Tel. 67955.

• **Exhibitions:** — Special Exhibition: Japanese Children's Drawings.

Monthly Exhibit: American Negro Art. Permanent Exhibition: Folk Art of European and Yemenite Jewry, Burma, Indians, Central Europe. Ethnological Museum, 19 Rehov Arlosoroff. Weekdays, except Monday and Friday, 10-1; 6-8.30. Saturdays 10-1.

a) Japanese water colours of the 19th Century.— b) Posters as Art.— Fortnightly Exhibit: Composition by Haim Nahor. Municipal Museum of Modern Art. 10-1, 4-7.

BISHON LEZION

• **Theatre:** — Habimah, "Street of Stairs," 8.

REHOVOT

• **Theatre:** — Ohel, "The Respectful Prostitute," 8.30.

KIRYAT HAYIM

Habimah, "Cry the Beloved Country," 8.

COMING EVENTS

JERUSALEM

• Grand Hanukka Ball, Dec. 6; Holyland Hotel; IL4.800 per double ticket at Cahana's. Transport by Taxi Israel.

TIVON

• **Entertainment:** — Duigan & Saumacher: "Zeh vi du gehst." Yuval Or Hall, 8.30.

Governor Frank J. Clement, of Tennessee, met Governor Hershl Loveless, of Iowa, in Jerusalem this week. In this photo taken at the Seligsberg school are Mrs. Myriam Granott (centre) and Mrs. Loveless (right). Photo by Meyerowitz

VISITORS' GALLERY: Gov. Frank Clement

Veep Timber from Tennessee

Prominently mentioned in leading Democratic circles as a strong contender for the post of Vice-President in the 1960 elections is Governor Frank G. Clement, at present touring Israel as guest of the Government with his wife.

Governor Clement, in addition to being an astute political leader in his own right, has many of those characteristics which make him the prototype of the American idea of a Vice-President.

He is young.

Born in 1920, he was elected Governor of the southern State of Tennessee at the age of 32, one of the youngest governors in the history of the U.S. Now at the ripe old age of 38 — ineligible to succeed himself under a new Tennessee law — it is believed that his work for the Democratic party lies in the national, not the local, level. This was realized as early as 1956 when he made the keynote address at the Democratic National Convention.

He is photogenic.

Tall, broad-shouldered with dark thinning hair and dark blue eyes, he sprawls out in a chair like a hefty football player. Although he did not distinguish himself on the gridiron (he attended Cumberland and Vanderbilt Universities), one phase of his work in the past — as a special agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation from 1941 to 1943—has brought him an inevitable aura of glamour. His F.B.I. work was in three main fields: background investigations, sabotage cases, and run-of-the-mill criminal cases, including white slavery and car running. In addition, he also served as an officer in World War II and in the Korean War, although he never got overseas.

He is a family man.

His wife, the former Lucille Christianson, is a native Tennessean of Swedish origin. (Governor Clement does not exactly pooh-pooh his lovely blond wife's claim to speak Swedish. But somehow, without going into explicit detail, he gives the impression that he believes that her Swedish is on par with the French mastered by a highschool sophomore.)

They have three boys: Bob, 15, is a freshman in high school; Frank, 9, is in the fourth grade; and James Gary, 6, in the first grade.

He is a hard worker.

Several times a week he rises at 3.30 or 4 a.m., and sits down to work either in his study at home, or at his office. He finds that the very early morning hours, before his calendar becomes clogged with callers, gives him an unparalleled opportunity to plough through a mass of reports and documents which require his signature. One of his main interests is education on all levels. He was instrumental in setting up a special authority to supervise Tennessee's mental homes — formerly under the supervision of the Prison Service. Huge sums were appropriated for this purpose, more than the total in the past 52 years. Other huge sums went for general education programmes. Taxes — with the exception of the sales tax which went up from two to three cents — were not increased.

Integration Issue

Tennessee will be a pivotal state in the next presidential elections. Although not one of the densely-populated states like New York, California, Pennsylvania, or Illinois upon whose massive votes entire presidential elections often sway, Tennessee is a critical state on one of America's burning issues: integration. Its record is one of the best. There have been incidents, but they have been lost in a welter of progress.

He is a moderate.

He says, "In Tennessee we are upholding law and order. We are trying to operate in a truly democratic fashion. We are proceeding with integration at a local level."

Governor Clement is well aware of the role which Israel — and the entire Middle East — plays in American affairs. To study Middle East affairs more intimately is one of the prime purposes of his visit.

He says, "The people of Tennessee and of the U.S. cannot afford to hide their heads in the political sands like an ostrich. What's bad for the Middle East, is bad for the U.S."

As regards his week-long visit to Israel, he says that he recognizes that Israel faces great and challenging problems and it appears without a shadow of doubt that the country's leaders and people are working hard to solve them in a democratic manner.

MACABEE KASKIN

ON THE AIR

FIRST PROGRAMME
522, 249, 33.3 & 41.7 M.

News: Hebrew: 6.35, 7.00 and 7.58 a.m., 1.30, 5.00, 7.00, 9.00 and 11.00 p.m.

English: 2.00 p.m. French: 2.15 p.m.

6.30 a.m. Service (R). 6.37 Exercises. 6.47 Musical Clock (R). 7.17 Morning Melodies. 8.00 Close Down.

11.00 a.m. Popular Concert: Schubert: Overture "Alfonso and Estrella" Falla: "Nights in the Gardens of Spain (Soloist: Aldo Ciccolini). Wieniawsky: Three Caprices for Violin, from op. 13. Beethoven: "Fur Elise." Liszt: "Liebestraum." 12.00 Women's Programme. 12.15 Lunchtime Music. 1.00 Light Music. 1.45 Where to go? 1.50 Light Music. 2.30 Close Down.

4.30 News in English, Swedish and Spanish. 5.05 Popular Songs and Melodies. 5.30 "Oriental Troupes." 6.00 Youth Corner. 6.30 The Management in the modern society —Public Management talk. 6.45 Hebrew Language Corner. 7.20 "Ron Ami". 7.35 Cantoral Requests. 8.05 "Regavim" — Agricultural Bag. 8.25 "New Worlds." 8.30 Bible Reading: Melachim 1. Chap. 19 & 20. 9.10 "Political Commentary —B. Eliav. 9.15 Three In A Boat. 9.30 "The Sonatas by J.S. Bach" Sonata in A-minor for Unaccompanied Violin played by David Lein-Hen. 10.45 "The Week in U.N." 11.10 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME
422, 460, 292.7, 41.7 & 33.3 M.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR: 6.00 Israel Composers Abroad. Artur Gelbrun: Three Caprices for Piano played by Frank Pelleg. Robert Starer: Duets for Violin and Viola played by David Gruenschlag and Gideon Roehr. 6.30 Mishna Lesson. 6.50 Be'ohalei Torah.

7.00 French. 7.30 Yiddish. 8.00 Hebrew-Yiddish Lesson. 8.15 News in Easy Hebrew. 8.30 Ladino. 9.00 Rumanian. 9.15 Hungarian. 9.30 Polish. 9.45 News in English. 10.00 Close Down.

ARABIC PROGRAMME
497 & 41.97 M.

Arabic Programme (including News): 6.30—7.15 a.m. 1.15—2.15 and 5.30—11.15 p.m. Persian 8.15 p.m.

KOL ZION LAGOLA (32.3 M.): Programme to South Africa: 6.30 News. 6.40 Topical Talk—Moshe Pearlman. 6.45 "Land of the Bible."

Programme to the U.K.: 10.15 News. 10.25 Topical Talk. 10.30 Newsreel.

ARMY PROGRAMME (48.4, 216, 225 & 235 M.): 6.30 Opening. 6.35 Request Favourites. 7.00 News. 7.15 Light Music quiz. 7.45 "Pleasant Tune." 8.00 "Among the Flags." 8.30 Songs from films & Musical Shows. 9.00 News. 9.15 Weekly Symphony Concert. Works by Handel, Vivaldi & Saint-Saens. 10.30 Close Down.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS (13.80, 16.84 & 24.80): 7.15-7.45 p.m. News. News Talk. Matters of Jewish Interests.

MUSIC U.S.A. (19 & 25 M.): Voice of America: 9.00—11.00 p.m. Light music & jazz.

CYPRUS BROADCASTING SERVICE—English Programme (434 & 496 M.): 7.45 a.m. News 12.30 p.m. Midday Melodies. 1.30 News. 4.30 Mantovani & his Orchestra. 7.00 News & Commentary. 7.15 Discorama. 10.00 "Looking Back." 10.30 From my Library. 11.00 News.

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3,500 Pilgrims To Cross for Xmas

By CHRIS ELIOU
Jerusalem Post Reporter

More than 3,500 Israel Christians are expected to cross Mandelbaum Gate on Christmas Eve for traditional celebrations in Bethlehem, Mr. Raphael Levy, the Jerusalem District Officer, told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

Screening of applicants has been stricter this year following the discovery that certain Galilee Arabs, posing as pilgrims, utilized their stay in Jordan in recent years to contact UAR intelligence agents. Nevertheless, Mr. Levy said, the number of permits granted is higher than last year's total. He did not disclose how many were refused, but said that more than 1,500 persons from Galilee districts and Nazareth will be crossing.

The approved applications are now in Jordan hands and are to be returned at one of the coming meetings between Mr. Levy and Najati Nashashibi, chief of the Liaison office of the Jordan Foreign Ministry. In the past the Jordanian authorities have rejected about 10 per cent of the applications. The two officials hold routine meetings three times weekly.

The pilgrims include Roman Catholics, who will cross on December 24, and Greek, Arab and Armenian Orthodox, each crossing the lines at different dates according to their respective calendars: the Greeks and Arabs on January 6 and Armenians on January 18. All pilgrims are expected to stay there for two days.

Fifty Russian Orthodox nuns and priests, including Archimandrite Nicodim, chief of the Russian Ecclesiastical Mission in Israel, have also applied for crossing. The Russian group were refused entry to Jordan last Easter because of their Soviet passports.

The traditional procession along the old Bethlehem Road for the Consular Corps will not take place, as the Jordanians have dug up the thoroughfare, making it impassable for vehicles.

The Ministry of Labour's Arab section announced on Sunday that, with the approach of Christmas, some 2,000 additional work-days have been allocated to the unemployed among the various Christian communities. This supplements the regular work days allocated to members of the minorities, mostly for repairs and improvements to public institutions of the Christian Communities.

At the Cinema

CYD Charisse and Rock Hudson play the leads in "Twilight of the Gods," but the true star of this beautiful film is the old sailjammer in which they try to cross the Pacific. Even in a country of landlubbers this fine film about the dying romance of the sails rated a deserved second week at Jerusalem's "Arnon."

White Slave Documentary

"WHITE Cargo" (Zion, Jerusalem) gives the technicalities of the export trade to Damascus with all the oft-wearisome details of which the producers of French thrillers are so fond. One learns Francoise Arnoul, as a reporter, does not seem qualified to exchange ladies' fashions for the crime-beat. And from our limited knowledge of Levantine nightspots, we can only say that most of the lovely girls allegedly shipped from Paris seem to get lost in transit.

German Import

"LIEBE" (Or Gil, Jerusalem) tackles its popular theme from the lacrymose side. The tears shed by Maria Schell throughout the film almost compete with the catastrophic floods which are the main feature. Schell, however, successfully avoids getting drenched like her Italian colleagues — her figure is not up to it...

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(to pass a special resolution)
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If a legal quorum is not present at the above Meeting, the Meeting will stand adjourned for one hour and will take place at 12 noon of the same day, at the same place, with any number of participants.

NOTE: Holders of Bearer Shares desirous of attending the meeting should deposit their share certificates at the bank offices in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv or Haifa, not later than two days preceding the meeting.

THE MANAGEMENT

Jerusalem, December 2, 1958.

Cinemas

JERUSALEM
2.30, 6.45, 8.45

ARNON: Twilight for the Gods.
EDEN: Raintree County.
ORNA: The Bravados.
ORION: The True Story of Lynn Stuart
OR GIL: Liebe.
RON: The Jewess
SEMADAR: Love in the Afternoon.
TEL ON: Une vie.
ZION: Cargaison blanche.
EDISON: Sissi (2 Tel).
STUDIO: Summer Time.

TEL AVIV
2.30, 7.15, 9.15

ALLENBY: Robinson soll nicht sterben
ARMON DAVID: Montparnasse 19.
CHEN: In Such A Night.
EDEN: The Rich Waiter.
ESTHER: Les Girls.
GAT: Wuthering Heights.
MAXIM: Sisters (Ordeal).
MIGDALOR: The Bigamist.
MOGRABI: The Bridge on the River Kwai.
OPHIR: The Sad Sack.
ORION: No Time for Sergeants.
PEER: Herr Ueber Leben Und Tod.
SHDEROTH: Hannert.
TAMAR: The Great Dictator.
TCHELET: Guys and Dolls.
TEL AVIV: The Barbarian and the Geisha.
YARON: Ewiger Walzer.
ZAMIR: Aphrodite.
ZAFON: Othello.

HAIFA
2.30, 6.45, 9

MORIAH: Fuhrmann Henschel.
ARMON: Battle of the V.I.
EN DOR: Don't Tell Anyone.
ORLY: The Desperate Hours.
AMPHITHEATRE: Count Five and Die.
ORAH: Maigret sets a Trap.
PEER: The Bridge on the River Kwai.
ATZMON: Dangerous Youth.
GAL OR: Town on Trial.
MAY: Until They Sail.

HURRICANE. — A tropical hurricane hit Suva, the capital of the Fiji Islands, on Tuesday with winds of over 80 knots stripping branches from trees and bringing down power lines.

EMERGENCY PHARMACIES

JERUSALEM: Abramovitch, 21 King George, 4972.
TEL AVIV: Breiman, 56 Allenby, 62252. Merkaz Hazafon, 200 Ben Yehuda, 22923. Orah, 99 Dizengoff, 28320. Avrahami, 9 Erlinger, near Central Bus Station. Yany, 67 Yehuda Halevi, 62474. Maccabi, New Maccabi Qtr., 31387.
JAFFA: Briut, 6 Rehov 3.
RAMAT YITZHAK: Hatichon, 86 Uzieli, 71949.
PETAH TIKVA: Ressel, Rehov Rothschild-Herzl.
HOLON: Ribak, Kikar Struma.
BISHON: Strahilevici.
BENE-YOT: Klibner, 21 Teller, 95-1341.
NATANYA: Merkaz.
HAIFA: Hagiborim, 28 Hagiborim, 67400.

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TEL AVIV: Dr. Eisen, 5 Shimshon, 25748. Dr. Har-Even, 35 Sheinkin, 25411. Dr. Weiss, 73 Disengoff. Dr. Timon, 43 Keren Kayemet, 51374.
HOLON: Dr. Dukur, 12a Shikun Amami, Tel Giborim.

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Pop. Loan 1949/50 (IL10)	100½
4% Comp. Loan 55/57	71
Pal. Bearer Bds. Ser. 3	96½
2½% Comp. Loan	65
3½% War Loan 56/59	97
3½% Tavel Dollar z)	95½
4% Reg. Sterling "A"	97½
Def. Loan Bonds 62/75 f)	101½
4½% Def. Bonds f)	101½
4½% Def. Bonds g)	102⅜
4½% Loc. C. Debs. f)	101½
4½% Loc. C. Debs. g)	101½
Pal. Elec. pref. sh. (Ldn.)	279
4½% Bonds 58/63 f)	104½
ditto g)	112½
Keren Hayesod 6½% Deb. 58/68 f)	102⅜
ditto g)	106½
6% Deb. 59/68 f)	101½
ditto g)	102½
Igroth 6½% Deb. 58/68	102½
Hassco 6½% Deb. 58/68 (Class "A" f)	102
Class "B" g)	109½
Hassco 6% pref. ord. sh.	94½
Bk. Leumi ord. sh.	145½
Bearer Savings Cert. '50	96½
Bk. Leumi Investment Ord. sh. 'B' reg.	100⅜
Ata ord. 'B' sh.	80⅜
"Kurdaneh" ord. 'B'	80½
7% con. debs. 59/68	83½
"Teva" ord. sh.	81
Pal. Cold St. ord sh. reg.	135
Paas 4% debs. 60/64 reg.	81
Binur 4% debs. 56/65	90½
Nir 5% pref. sh.	94½
Gen. Mortg. Bk. ord. sh.	80
I.L.D.C. ord. sh. reg.	88
5% debs.	82
Afr. Pal. Inv. ord. sh.	551
Moller ord. sh. reg.	1050
Pal. Brewery 8% con. debs	75
Assis Bejarano "B" sh.	600
Nesher 6% debs "A" 55/64	117
Pal. Potash "A" ord. sh.	53
Dead Sea Works 5% Deb. reg.	285
Delek ord sh. "C"	851
Mekerot pref. sh.	78
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Today's Postbags

The Weather

FORECAST: Partly cloudy to cloudy with showers accompanied at times by thunderstorms.

	A	B	C	D
Mt. Cana'an	78	—	13	10
Tiberias	71	13	30	17
Haifa Port	70	11	20	18
Natanya	66	11	21	18
Tel Aviv Kiryа	68	11	20	17
Tel Aviv Port	80	13	19	17
Lydda Airport	80	9	22	13
Jerusalem	53	20	16	13
Beersheba	44	7	21	13
Sdom	67	13	23	20
Eilat	82	10	34	21

(A) Humidity at 0 p.m. (B) Minimum temp. (C) Maximum yesterday. (D) Maximum temp. expected today

DEPARTURES

Mr. Patrick Crosse, Deputy General Manager of "Reuters," for Nicosia, after a six-day visit. (by Olympic Airways).

M. Marcel Lupovici, after directing Pirandello's "Tonight We Improvise" for the Comeri Theatre for Paris (by El Al).

THE GOVERNMENT Tourist Corporation has awarded official placards to 34 service stations throughout the country that have been recommended for tourists.

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TEN REQUESTS for the establishment of new enterprises and the expansion of existing ones were approved by the Investment Centre during November. The new investments totalled $1.2m. and IL36.3m., of which IL26.8m. were in loans from the Development Budget.

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EXPORTS DURING November totalled $8.1m. as compared to $9.1m. during November 1957, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry reported on Tuesday.

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THE BRITISH cruiser Sheffield and the destroyers Dunkirk and Trafalgar left Haifa on Tuesday morning after a five-day courtesy visit.

Israeli Testifies At Nazi's Trial

BONN (Reuter). — Willi Vogelhut, 46, a witness from Israel, told a Court here on Monday that a wartime S.S. guard at Sachsenhausen concentration camp struck down a blind Jewish prisoner after accusing him of winking. The prisoner died two days later.

The guard was alleged to be Wilhelm Schubert, who with Gustav Sorge, another former S.S. non-commissioned officer, is accused of murdering jointly or individually 11,000 prisoners in Sachsenhausen and Estenwegen camps during the war.

Schubert had also ordered a 17-year-old Jewish boy to strike his father, and when the boy refused, Schubert beat them both up so badly that they died, it was alleged.

Gori Celebrates Mass in Haifa

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — A pontifical high mass was celebrated at the convent of the Ladies of Nazareth on Tuesday morning to mark the centenary of the arrival in this city of the first nuns of the order from France. The mass was celebrated by Mgr. Alberto Gori, the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, who came from the Old City for the occasion.

The French Ambassador, M. Pierre Gilbert, Dr. S. Colbi, of the Ministry for Religious Affairs, Members of the Consular Corps and local citizens were in the congregation.

Mgr. Gori arrived in scarlet cap and gown, which he changed for a gold and scarlet vestment and mitre, white gloves and a lace cassock, and a tall silver staff.

The mass was set to modern church music composed by the French Jesuit, Father Gelineau.

The nuns operate a secondary school which is recognized by the Ministry of Education and has several hundred pupils, some of them Jewish.

Suspect Held in Rape Of 10-Year-Old Girl

TEL AVIV. — A 27-year-old truck driver, married and the father of three children, has been arrested on suspicion of having assaulted a 10-year-old girl.

On Friday, a woman from Neve Yehoshua quarter near Ramat Gan complained to police that an unknown truck driver had assaulted her 10-year-old daughter in a wood near the Geha Hospital. The child was taken to hospital for examination, and a partial description of the man was given to policemen in the Tel Aviv District.

At the same time, a special detail carried out an investigation into vehicles similar to that driven by the unknown suspect.

On Monday morning, on the Geha road near the spot of the incident, the police detail came across a truck answering the description and arrested the driver.

The police spokesman stated on Tuesday night that the police feel that they have sufficient evidence to bring the suspect to court.

Popular Loan Draw

TEL AVIV. — In the drawing of the Popular Loan (1949-69) lottery held here on Tuesday, number 106,084 won IL5,000, No. 81,753: IL2,500 and No. 81,588 IL1,000. Numbers 26,145, 109,230, 140,908 and 4,410 won IL500, while IL250 prizes went to nos. 28,177, 28,436, 15,372, 63,030, 50,877, 1,558, 133,824 and 91,121.

Mass Aliya from East Europe Miracle of 2nd Decade: B-G

"I feel that this coming decade will witness a second miracle of our era, the miracle of the redemption of the Jews from the countries where they are doomed to spiritual destruction. This miracle will not be less important than that of the establishment of the State and the glorious victories of the Israel Defence Forces in the War of Independence and the Sinai Campaign," declared Prime Minister Ben-Gurion, in his address to the Immigration Loan Conference at Habimah Hall on Tuesday night.

The Prime Minister began his speech with some indicative figures: Over 2,400 Jews from 36 different countries had arrived in Israel during November, over 1,000 of them from a European country — "which shall here remain nameless" — and over 3,000 more Jews in that country have received passports for their imminent immigration to Israel, he reported. Over 900 of these newcomers will be young people under 18.

Mr. Ben-Gurion went on to point out that the ingathering of an additional wave of mass immigration during the coming decade could only be accomplished by means of a partnership of Jews in Israel and in the Diaspora, in the same way that the immigration of over 1,000,000 Jews during the first decade was also the fruit of such a partnership.

"When we organised the first Israel Bond Campaign in the U.S. some eight years ago, financial experts warned us that it would prove a complete fiasco," Mr. Ben-Gurion said.

"I didn't listen to these experts," the Prime Minister added, "not because I am a greater financial wizard—(I have nearly no education in finance, although I did get the highest marks in Finance in the University of Istanbul), but because I understood Jews better than they did and I believed in them more than the experts did... and I was not disappointed."

What Did Mrs. Meir Say?

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Did or did not Foreign Minister Golda Meir refuse to receive a delegation of wives and mothers of Kenya exiles 12 years ago? This question was raised in the Knesset on Tuesday during the debate on Rabbi Toledano, and it was the subject of conversation during the evening in the Knesset lobbies.

On Monday, Mrs. Meir called from her seat at the Cabinet table to the Religious parties: "Have you no hearts for those mothers and children (of mixed marriages)?"

During her speech on Tuesday, Mrs. Esther Raziel-Naor (Herut) took advantage of that question to bring up the matter of the Kenya delegation. At the time in question, Mrs. Meir was Deputy Head of the Jewish Agency Political Department.

Mrs. Raziel-Naor said that the delegation wanted the Jewish Agency to intervene with the British authorities to effect the return of the Kenya exiles (not via the Arab countries which had proclaimed war on us) and to guarantee their safety. But Mrs. Meir had refused to receive them, she claimed. Where was the heart for those mothers and children then, Mrs. Raziel-Naor asked.

Mr. Israel Rokach (then Mayor of Tel Aviv) and Mr. Yosef Saphir (then Mayor of Petah Tikva) knew the facts, Mrs. Raziel-Naor said. It was through them that the women had asked to be received by Mrs. Meir.

'Personal Statement'

In a "personal statement," Mrs. Meir later said that neither Mr. Rokach nor Mr. Saphir had asked her to receive a delegation. The whole story was a fiction from beginning to end. She called upon Mr. Rokach (who was then sitting in the Speaker's chair) to testify on the subject before the House Committee.

At the close of the session, Mr. Saphir, who had been absent earlier, also made a "personal statement," in which he confirmed what Mrs. Raziel-Naor had said. He could only assume that Mrs. Meir had forgotten the incident. (Mrs. Meir: "No!")

A delegation of mayors, including himself and Mr. Rokach, had visited Mrs. Meir at the Kaete Dan Hotel asking that the Jewish Agency intervene to protect the Kenya exiles. On their way out, they met a delegation of hunger strikers—relatives of the men in Kenya. They asked him to ask Mrs. Meir to receive them, Mr. Saphir said.

"I went back into the hotel," Mr. Saphir continued. "Mrs. Meir was already in the dining-room. I told her that a delegation of wives and mothers of the Kenya exiles asked to be received. Mrs. Meir's reply was: 'Who told them that I'm here anyway? This is my home, and I don't want to be disturbed'."

He then returned to the delegation and told them simply that Mrs. Meir could not receive them, Mr. Saphir said. "I understand the matter is to be aired in the House Committee. I am prepared to appear at any time."

Mrs. Meir: "Swear on your word of honour!"

(Exclamations in the Chamber.)

Mr. Saphir: "I'll swear on my word of honour, and on the Torah!"

Mrs. Meir: "It's still not true!"

Moshe Doukhan Dies In Jerusalem, Aged 74

With the death of Dr. Moshe Doukhan in Jerusalem on Tuesday at the age of 74, the Israel legal profession has lost one of its oldest and most distinguished members.

Born in 1884 in a small South Russian town, Dr. Doukhan studied law at the Universities of Kharkov, Halle and St. Petersburg and practised as an advocate in the latter city until 1917. At the same time, he was active in the Zionist movement and joined the "Zeirei Zion" group, many of the members of which rose to prominence.

After the October Revolution, Dr. Doukhan left Russia. He was a member of the delegation of Russian Jews that was headed by Menahem Ussishkin at the Versailles Peace Conference. After a short spell in London, he settled in Jerusalem in 1920.

As Assistant Director of the Department of Land Registration under the Mandatory Government, he had a leading part in the establishment of the Land Registry, a task of the greatest importance for the future development of the country.

As the leading authority on land laws, he was also a lecturer at the Government Law classes and published several standard works in Hebrew and English.

In 1936, Dr. Doukhan retired, having been awarded the O.B.E. in recognition of his long and valuable service. Thereafter, he practised as an advocate, took an active part in the Bar Association, — the Jerusalem branch of which he headed for some time — and was also a member of the Law Council.

He had a strong character typical of the Russian intelligentsia. He was devoted to his family and won the affection of a wide circle of friends. He maintained to the last his interest in the affairs of this country and of the world.

Dr. Doukhan is survived by his wife and a daughter who is married to Justice Landau.

E.M.

G.Z.'s to Oppose Almogi Referendum

The General Zionist Party's Knesset faction has submitted a draft bill, calling for a referendum on reforming the electoral system. At the same time, Mr. I. Rokach, General Zionist M.K., has sent a letter to Mr. A. Govrin, the Mapai party whip, stating that his faction would not support a bill on the same subject tabled last week by Mr. Y. Almogi (Mapai).

Both bills call for direct constituency elections in place of the present party-lists system.

In submitting its draft bill, the General Zionists explained that they were asking for a referendum because opinion in the House on this important matter was almost equally divided.

All motions on the referendum question are scheduled to be heard next Tuesday.

IL½m. STORM DAMAGE TO VILLAGE BUILDINGS

Damage to buildings in all settlement areas in the wake of the recent dust storm amounts to approximately IL-500,000, according to estimates drawn up by the Jewish Agency's Settlement Department, it was announced on Tuesday by the Agency spokesman.

It will take about two weeks to assess the damage to crops in these places, he said.

THE TEL AVIV Magistrate, Mrs. L. Ogen, on Tuesday sentenced Yitzhak Waknin 23, of Tel Aviv, to a year in prison for stealing a motor-cycle.

Rabbinate Tells Toledano 'No'

By SHALOM COHEN, Jerusalem Post Reporter

After a meeting lasting five hours, the Council of the Chief Rabbinate on Tuesday called on Rabbi Toledano to retract his decision to accept the post of Minister of Religious Affairs.

The resolution, which is understood to be more moderate than expected, stated that "so long as the basic assumptions for the registration regulations have not been finally abrogated, and the Ministerial Committee (on the registration issue) not abolished, and particularly in view of the Prime Minister's statement in the Knesset on Monday against the status and authority of the Chief Rabbinate, a rabbi's joining the Government is in the nature of abetting an infringement of *halacha*."

Rabbi Toledano was present, and spoke several times, during the morning, but was absent when the resolution was formulated at the resumed afternoon session.

The Council's resolution maintains that the registration assumptions strike at the very roots of Judaism. It expressed "regret" at the Government's decision to "freeze" the basic assumptions regarding the registration as Jewish of children of non-Jewish mothers until it receives the opinions of Jewish scholars on the grounds that the delay does not alter the basic illegality. Moreover, the fact that personalities who are not scholars of *halacha* have been asked to express an opinion on the question is a deliberate negation of the Torah, the resolution stressed.

Twenty Rabbis

The extraordinary enlarged Council meeting was attended by about 20 rabbis including Chief Rabbis Herzog and Nissim, the Chief Rabbi of Tel Aviv, Rabbi Unterman; Rabbi Katz of Petah Tikvah, *dayanim* of the Rabbinical High Court and presiding judges of the Rabbinical Courts.

It is understood that Chief Rabbi Herzog's remarks at the meeting were couched in very moderate terms, and that he was instrumental in toning down a more strongly worded earlier draft resolution. Rabbis Nissim and Unterman are understood to have taken a middle-of-the-road stand, while several *dayanim* pressed for more outspoken condemnation of the Government's tactics.

Rabbi Toledano, in his reply to the morning debate, affirmed that he was confident that his participation in the Government would lead to a satisfactory solution of the registration issue. He also defended his acceptance of the appointment on the grounds that it would remedy the neglect of the Sephardi community.

This last point was discounted by several speakers who asked why Rabbi Toledano had never brought his allegations before the Council with the demand that an enquiry be made.

14 More Scholars Who Were Polled on 'Identity'

The names of 14 more rabbis, scholars, jurists and writers asked by the Committee of Three Ministers for their opinion on the religious identity of children of mixed marriages were released on Tuesday. (A list of 43 persons was published on Monday.)

They include:

The President of the Supreme Court, Justice Olshan; Prof. E.E. Urbach, Hebrew University; Aluf-Mishne S. Goren, Chief Chaplain of the Israel Defence Forces; Prof. Nelson Glueck; Rabbi Shalom Halevi; Rabbi S.J. Zevin, Editor of the Talmudic Encyclopaedia; Rabbi Y. Kahanaman, head of the Ponaves Yeshiva; Prof. B. Mazar, President of the Hebrew University; Rabbi Y.L. Maimon; Rabbi Y. Sarna, head of the Hevron Yeshiva; Shmuel Yosef Agnon, the writer; Rabbi Yosef Kapah; Yehuda Iba Shmuel Kaufmann; Rabbi Zvi Yehuda Kook.

Price of White Bread Up 5 pr.

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The price of white bread will go up by five pruta a loaf as of next Sunday, December 7, it was decided in Jerusalem on Tuesday by officials of the Ministries of Finance and of Commerce and Industry and representatives of the Bakers' Association.

A loaf will now cost 220 pr. instead of 215 pr. In addition to the price rise, the bakers will also receive an additional subsidy of two pr. a loaf of standard bread.

Joanovici May Be Deported to France

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — *Josef Joanovici*, a businessman wanted by the French authorities, will shortly be expelled to France a year after illegally entering Israel, *The Jerusalem Post* learned on Tuesday.

At a meeting held on Tuesday in Jerusalem between the Inspector-General of Police and the Minister of the Interior, it was agreed that he would be expelled to whatever country is prepared to accept him. Since France is the only country which is interested in having him—criminal charges are pending there against him—he will go back to France.

The authorities are meanwhile waiting for notification from France that they do indeed want to accept Joanovici, since the draft extradition treaty between the two countries has not yet been ratified by the Knesset. Joanovici's expulsion thus will not have the appearance of handing him over to France for judgment.

It was pointed out that, if in the few days left to Joanovici in Israel, some other country will offer him entry, Israel will facilitate his journey to that land.

THE TOWN of Azata, near the Gaza Strip, has been linked to the national electricity grid.

Levanon Asks T.A. To Pay Back-Rates

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Mayor Haim Levanon on Tuesday called on Tel Aviv's ratepayers to bring their payments up to date and told the press that arrears were greater proportionately than last year.

Of the total budget revenue of IL46m., IL44m. was to come from various taxes, but in the first eight months of this fiscal year, only IL22m. had been paid. The Mayor pointed out that IL1m. was needed to bring the sum paid in up to last year's proportion. Too many citizens waited until March to make all their payments, Mr. Levanon declared. The Municipality may have to resort to legal means to ensure prompt payment, he hinted.

A sports field, with swimming pool, tennis courts and facilities for other sports and amusements is to be laid out in Yad Eliahu, the Mayor reported. The initiator is Mr. Norman Lourie and the investors have already sponsored similar courts in South Africa. An expert from the International Federation for Recreation Centres is to visit Israel to plan the new grounds, Mr. Levanon said.

Five Injured In Road Collision

ACRE. — Five persons were injured, three of them seriously, when a taxi collided with a bus on the Acre-Haifa road, near Steel Town, on Tuesday morning. The taxi, driven by Moshe Holdengriber, of Nahariya, and the bus driven by Reuven Goldberg, 42, of Haifa, were both travelling in the direction of Haifa when the taxi fender caught on to the back of the bus.

Three of the taxi's passengers and the driver were injured seriously and taken to Rambam Hospital in Haifa. The two other passengers were lightly injured and were taken to the Malben Hospital in Nahariya. *(Itim)*

Hill Farming Research Centre Opens in Demilitarized Zone

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Work began this week on a hill farming research centre in Jerusalem on the site of the former *Havat Limud* founded 30 years ago by Mrs. Rahel Ben-Zvi. The new name of the farm is the Hebrew University Mountain Farm.

The farm, which today boasts 300 dunams of cultivable land and several large buildings, lies in the Demilitarized Zone near the former Government House and a short distance from the abandoned Arab College. It commands an unparalleled view of the southern wall of the Old City, the Dome of the Rock and the El-Aksa Mosque.

The Centre will be directed by Dr. Avram Huber, of the Hebrew University. In addition to its own projects, it will coordinate all hill farming research done throughout the country.

First Projects

A budget of IL631,896 has been earmarked for the next five years. Of this sum, 35 per cent will come from the Ministry of Agriculture, a like amount from the Jewish Agency, 20 per cent from the Hebrew University, and 10 per cent from the Jewish National Fund. The J.N.F. has also undertaken to reclaim additional farm land.

Among the first projects are plans to fence off an area for an experimental pasture and plant plots of tobacco, medical herbs and vegetables.

The Centre hopes to receive irrigation water jointly with nearby Ramat Rahel, through a special pipeline from the new Municipal reservoir. The Centre now uses purified sewage water, but a nearby orchard will be claiming the entire supply by next year.

Havat Limud, the agricultural training farm, was founded in 1928 by Mrs. Ben-Zvi for two main purposes: to find productive work for women; and to teach them farming. The farm was supported by the Working Women's Council.

Later, the farm admitted both men and women, and still later became a school for Youth Aliya. During the War of Independence, Mrs. Ben-Zvi one night evacuated, across the fields, the children, as much movable property as could be carried, and several hundred chickens. They were put temporarily into the Ratisbonne compound. The farm and buildings were damaged during the fighting.

In 1950, six of the young people on the farm were killed in a land mine explosion. In 1954 the farm was turned over to the Hebrew University which used it as a hostel. Most of the students will stay on as long as space is available.

2 Money Runners Jailed For One and Three Year Terms

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — After several years of illegal trade on a large scale in foreign exchange, gold coins and gold ingots, two local residents came to grief in the District Court here on Tuesday.

Confronted with massive police evidence, David Jacobowitz, 32, of Kiryat Bialik, and his cousin, also named David, David Ben Michael Jacobowitz, 33, of Haifa, pleaded guilty to a variety of charges, including failure to offer foreign exchange to the treasury, illegal transfer of gold, carrying firearms without a licence and trafficking with infiltrators. The Relieving President of the District Court, Judge S. Kasan, sentenced the pair to three years and one year prison terms respectively. The elder cousin also received a one year suspended sentence.

Total value of their known illegal transactions was well over IL500,000.

The two men's business worries began on a cold and dark January night this year, when the first was caught in a police trap at Misgav Am, on the Lebanese frontier, where he had a *rendez vous* with his clients from the other side of the border. His pockets were bulging with foreign exchange from many countries, travellers' cheques, bank drafts, and a loaded parabellum.

The second David Jacobowitz, whose appointment was fixed for a later hour, slipped out of the trap in the darkness, as did his Lebanese business friends. He was picked up a few days later in Tel Aviv.

Thorough Job

The police did a thorough job, tracing their illegal deals back to 1954. Until 1955, the pair worked together, then each operated on his own.

The younger Jacobowitz admitted a total illegal turnover of IL84,000 in foreign exchange, 2,000 gold coins of various denominations and 140 kg. of gold ingots worth more than IL300,000. The elder (by one year) did as well, if not better — "books" showed a turnover of 300 gold coins and 3 to 4 kg. of gold a week.

Both men are married, and the second has two children.

They operated on a commission basis, and their employers, who are in police custody, will be tried shortly.

B'sheba Coalition Splits On Third Deputy Mayor

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. — Mutual recriminations flew across the Beersheba Municipal Council room on Tuesday as Mr. David Hacham (Mapai) was elected third Deputy Mayor in charge of the Social Welfare Department, at full salary by an 8-4 vote. Mapai and the Religious Bloc voted to approve Mr. Hacham in his new post while the move was opposed by Mapam, Ahdut Ha'avoda and Herut.

The three opposing parties declared that they would appeal the decision to the Minister of Interior. Both the Mapam and Ahdut Ha'avoda Councillors are members of the local governing coalition.

In the heat of the debate, various Councillors including Deputy Mayor Z. Zarizi (Mapam), accused Mayor D. Touviyahu of dictatorial practices and of mismanagement.

Before becoming a non-salaried Deputy Mayor in the summer of 1957, Mr. Hacham ran the local Labour Exchange for seven months until he was forced to resign because of his allegedly inefficient management.

Anti-Mapai Revolt In Dimona Council

BEERSHEBA. — The Dimona Local Council gave up on Monday night after less than one week in office and submitted its coalition troubles to the Histadrut Executive for arbitration.

The original coalition of Mapai (five votes), Ahdut Ha'avoda (three) and Mapam (two) broke up, with the two latter joining forces with the lone opposition Councillor, of the National Religious Party, to try to elect a new chairman. The incumbent, Mr. Alexander Milrod, adjourned the Council meeting and announced that instead of resigning he would bring the two labour parties' defection to the attention of the Histadrut Executive.

In the meantime, the Council will not meet.

Deaf Man Gets Year For Having Hashish

TEL AVIV. — A 57-year-old deaf man from the Kerem Hateimanim quarter, Mordechai Gozlan, was on Tuesday sentenced by Chief Magistrate E.Y. Halevy to one year in jail for being in the possession of 221 grams of hashish and a pipe for smoking the narcotic.

Chief Magistrate Halevy said the accused was exploiting the fact of his disability to arouse pity and the present charge was the most recent of a long series of offences.

The accused pleaded guilty, adding that he took narcotics because he was nervous. He asked for help in seeking proper treatment for his addiction. *(Itim)*

Police Avert Violence On Picket Line

RAMAT GAN. — The police had to be alerted in Ramat Gan on Tuesday morning to prevent the outbreak of violence between women pickets outside the Ketter textile mill and husky bodyguards hired by Mr. P. Hagler, owner of the establishment.

The strike broke out after the firm objected to workers being hired through the union. Ketter is one of the last five unorganized textile mills in Israel.

The workers complain that an "atmosphere of fear and threats" prevails in the establishment. The strikers demand a union shop and working conditions similar to those in the rest of the industry.

Bus Insurance Premiums Doubled

By MOSHE VINITZKY, Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The insurance companies have officially notified the Egged and Dan bus cooperatives that they will be charged a premium of IL1,150 on each bus in 1959. In the current year, Egged paid IL830, Dan IL-545, *The Jerusalem Post* learned on Tuesday.

Just a few days ago, Egged representatives claimed in an appeal against the higher premium that benefits paid out so far this year were IL351,000, while insurance had cost the cooperative IL-400,000. The insurance companies on the other hand maintained that their actuarial calculations showed that some IL205,000 additional damage claims could be expected by the end of the year.

The cooperatives have forwarded a copy of the official notification to the Minister of Transport with the complaint that the premiums demanded were exaggerated. They point out that the affect of the new premiums on costing calculations would make an increase of two to 2½ per cent in fares or a higher subsidy obligatory.

Former Technion Prof. Sues for Back Salary

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The hearing of a suit that a former member of the academic staff of the Technion has filed against the institution began in the District Court on Tuesday before Judge Toubin. The plaintiff, Dr. Michael Denesz, claims that the Technion owes him this sum in back salary.

In November, 1955, he began teaching at the Technion upon the invitation of Prof. F. Ollendorf. He immediately began building a voltometer for atomic experiments planned by Prof. Ollendorf. During the first year, he received no regular salary, the Technion having told him that it would fix his grade when the results of the experiments became known, Dr. Denesz charges.

In October 1956, the Technion appointed him to the academic staff as a senior lecturer with the monthly salary of IL532, but the document on his appointment and salary has "disappeared," he says.

He goes on to charge that the Technion has paid him a regular salary only after May 1957 and claims that he is owed IL3,194 for the period November 1956-April 1957.

Last year, Dr. Denesz says, he received IL2,500 as a Rothschild grant, but the Technion then claimed that it was meant to cover the back salary which it deducted from the grant. In October 1957, he was dismissed because of the quarrel over the grant, he charges.

HOOP-LA. — Thomas H. Gatfield, 51, was sentenced to three months in jail on Monday for stealing 43 hula hoops in Feltham, England on Monday.

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THE Chief Rabbinate's resolution yesterday deploring Rabbi Toledano's acceptance of his appointment as Minister for Religious Affairs and calling upon him to recant is in its turn to be deplored, and its argumentation appears somewhat specious in view of the fact that the registration regulations for the children of mixed marriages have been suspended. As for the Rabbinate's objection to the inclusion of Jewish sages who are not professionally orthodox among those consulted by the Prime Minister on the registration issue, it presupposes and sanctions a division of the Jewish people far more serious than any allegedly potential schism threatened by the regulations themselves.

MISGUIDED PRESSURE

On the face of it, there are a few evident reasons for this opposition to Rabbi Toledano's appointment to a post that was for long considered the prerogative of the National Religious Party. Moreover, the minister-designate who is expected to be voted into office today, only recently went out of his way to voice his protest against the "capture" by the National Religious Party, to all intents and purposes, of Heichal Shlomo, the supreme religious centre in Jerusalem. Furthermore, Rabbi Maimon, who was Israel's first Minister for Religious Affairs and is the spiritual head of the National Religious Party, appears never to have forgiven Rabbi Toledano for having dared some time ago to help found a non-party religious list for Knesset elections.

Another reason for the Rabbinate's anger at the appointment, and perhaps of the National Religious Party as well, is that it probably heralds the end of the hegemony of the Ashkenazi religious authorities in Israel. There would appear to be some basis for the charge that if there has not been actual discrimination, then certainly a discernible tendency to prefer the claims of Ashkenazi rabbis and functionaries to appointments which should have at least been made according to strict parity, since the two communities are almost equal numerically. A move to redress the situation will be welcomed by all who believe that the establishment of full equality is the prerequisite to eliminating the sharp and wasteful rivalry between the two communities, a process that will also be hastened by the gradual disappearance of politics as a primary element of religious life.

The dire fears that have been expressed about a breach being effected in the fortress of Judaism by Rabbi Toledona in his new position can be dismissed as pure propaganda. Rabbi Toledano has not abrogated a lifetime's devotion to orthodox Judaism by becoming Minister for Religious Affairs. Nor is there likely to be a sudden change to the detriment of orthodoxy in regard to the registration of children of mixed marriages. The most to be hoped for in this respect by the majority of those who would like a change is that when the reports of the sages consulted by the Prime Minister are received the Minister will, within the framework of the halacha (rabbinic law) perhaps use his discretion leniently. Perhaps he will thus break with the habitual severity so typical of all sections of orthodoxy when they compete with each other in reactionary and demonstrative "defence of the Torah."

It is to be regretted that orthodox circles have not been able to refrain from agitating their counter-parts in the Diaspora with the bogey of Rabbi Toledano's possible heterodoxy. After making artificial issues of the mixed club for poor boys and girls in the Musrara Quarter, the conscription law for girls which actually exempted the daughters of their sect, the swimming pool for mixed bathing in Jerusalem, and a paddling pond in the Biblical Zoo for tiny tots to splash in together up to their knees in the capital, they now have a really burning matter: an orthodox rabbi who as Minister for Religious Affairs will tear down the edifice of faith! They can hardly expect to be taken seriously when they present so patent a reductio ad absurdum to an intelligent public.

Second in the Series of Extracts from Randolph Churchill's Story of Anthony Eden

Britain was Caught Napping by Suez Grab

By RANDOLPH CHURCHILL

DURING the period of the Suez Crisis, an inner cabinet developed of a far more formal character than is normal in time of peace. This can be justified on the grounds that Sir Anthony Eden was planning war, and it is obvious that his intentions and plans should be confined within the smallest circle possible.

The inner cabinet appears to have consisted, apart from the Prime Minister, of Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, the Foreign Secretary, Mr. R. A. Butler, Lord Privy Seal, Mr. Harold Macmillan, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Lord Salisbury, Lord President of the Council. The Chiefs of Staff were "frequent attenders" and it seems that Mr. Anthony Head, the Secretary of State for War, was more often summoned to the deliberations of the inner cabinet than was his superior, Sir Walter Monckton, the Minister of Defence. This was partly because Sir Walter was not in good health, and partly because, though Mr. Head was not in the Cabinet, the Prime Minister came to have a great reliance upon his judgment in this affair, since during the Second World War he had been largely concerned with Combined Staff planning. Indeed, only two weeks before the operation actually began, Sir Anthony transferred Sir Walter Monckton to the sinecure of Paymaster General and replaced him at the Ministry of Defence with Mr. Head.

It may seem strange to insist on swapping horses when about to attack a canal, but Eden doubtless had convinced himself that he had good reasons for the change. It is important at this stage to underline the fact that, whether at the War Office or at the Ministry of Defence, Head bears an exceptional political and military responsibility for the planning and execution of the Suez operation.

In France as in Britain, the responsibility of leadership of the Suez operation was left to an inner cabinet of just a very few. In this case it consisted of M. Mollet, the Prime Minister, M. Pineau, the Foreign Minister, M. Bourges-Manoury, the Defence Minister, M. Lacoste, Minister Resident for Algeria, and M. Chaban-Delmas, Minister without Portfolio.

In the months that followed the Suez grab, the French officials of the Suez Canal Company, though they had frequent access to Sir Anthony Eden, Mr. Lloyd and M. Pineau, were never once received by M. Mollet. The French Premier, in fact, took much less part in the planning than did the British Prime Minister.

All the French inner cabinet deferred greatly throughout the planning stage to the ideas and wishes of Sir Anthony Eden. Except for Mollet, they were all newcomers to politics. Most of them had come to the fore in the resistance movement. Themselves lacking experience of the conduct of great affairs, they naturally held Sir Anthony Eden, who had occupied high office throughout the war, in great esteem and had the highest respect for his judgment.

No Occupation Plan Ready

THE Chiefs of Staff got off to a bad start. Inquiries immediately after the seizure of the Canal revealed that there existed not even a plan for the re-occupation of the Canal Zone. (This is one of the seemingly incredible facts, with an increasing number of which the reader must prepare himself to cope as the tale unfolds.) Hurriedly they prepared an inventory of what forces would be available for such an operation. They planned an operation known as Hamilcar, which provided for an airborne landing on strategic points along the Canal followed by reinforcement from sea-borne troops. However it quickly became apparent that the air-borne troops of both Britain and France were committed to ground duties in Cyprus and Algeria and lacked recent parachute training and equipment. Nor was there sufficient air transport readily available in the Middle East or even in Britain and France for such an operation.

The prospects for Hamilcar were not improved by the fact that a sea-borne assault force would have to be mounted, at best from Malta, at worst from Algiers and Marseilles, because the British authorities had neglected to prepare Cyprus as a proper base. This meant anything from five to nine days to elapse between embarkation and assault. This meant that the button had to be pushed ten days before results could be obtained, an agonizing period of suspense, well calculated to put a severe strain upon Sir Anthony Eden's nerves.

So even if the paratroops had been available, the possibility of an airborne drop would have been dismissed by the strategists who had made it a rule that airborne landings must be reinforced overland within 24 hours. This was a lesson that had been underlined for British soldiers at Arnhem. British planners seem, however, to have overlooked an important distinction that at Arnhem we were confronted by Germans, whereas at Suez our enemy was of a somewhat less martial character.

But even if the manpower and time had been available, there was not the shipping to convey troops to Egypt for a seaborne landing. Particularly lacking were LST's for the armour. Once again British political and strategic judgment had been found wanting. The new air base in Cyprus, which was supposed to replace the bases in the Suez area, was at the time of the Jordan affair, five months before, still incomplete and unprepared. The airfield at Akrotiri had not been completed, and the mobile strategic reserve had not materialized. Without these, Cyprus could only be a hostage to fortune instead of a bastion and a springboard. (When we had left the Suez Canal area in 1956 the Cabinet and the Chiefs of Staff decided not to build a deep-water harbour in Cyprus, as it would be too expensive. Its cost could hardly have been as great as that which Britain has had to pay since the Suez catastrophe.)

Jordan and Libya, on which Eden had counted when he espoused the evacuation of the Suez Canal base in 1954, were equally useless. In Jordan a Government unfriendly to Britain was not likely to allow an increase in British Forces stationed in the country. In Libya the terms of the Anglo-Libyan treaty made it quite plain that military facilities would not be extended to Britain when there was a dispute with a member of the Arab League.

This state of military unpreparedness was staggering and humiliating. With hasty improvisation the Services tried to make good their deficiencies. The Mediterranean fleets of Britain and France began to assemble at various ports with orders to prepare to sail. Some army units in Britain were, as early as July 31, alerted to move at 24 hours' notice — among them the Life Guards and Grenadier Guards at Windsor. In Algeria similar preparations were made among the French troops. R.A.F. transport aircraft engaged on routine trooping movements were recalled or held in England. Canberra jet bomber squadrons flew from their United Kingdom bases to Malta. The troopship Dunera, outward bound for Hong Kong, was recalled to home waters on August 1.

No troops were moved from Britain until August 7 when units of five infantry battalions, a cavalry regiment, two heavy anti-aircraft regiments and two light anti-aircraft regiments were embarked for Cyprus and Malta on ship and by air. The three aircraft carriers, Theseus, Bulwark and Ocean, which were lying in Portsmouth and Plymouth at the time the crisis began, had all sailed for the Mediterranean by August 7. Theseus had on board men and equipment of the 16th Independent Parachute Brigade. The Dilwara sailed from Southampton with the Suffolks and Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshires on August 9. In the meantime other infantry regiments sent their stores and equipment to be loaded at Liverpool, from their barracks and encamped at various assembly areas.

Dulles and Eden in London
". . . little enthusiasm for military preparations."

At the same time, merchant shipping and civil aircraft were officially requisitioned by the Government for troop movements.

Diplomacy to Cover Preparations

THE unpreparedness of the armed forces left the Government little choice but to engage in a series of protracted diplomatic negotiations.

There were five stages in the first phase of diplomatic activity that followed Nasser's seizure of the Canal on July 26. First, at the end of July the exploratory tripartite talks in London at which Mr. Robert Murphy represented the United States. Next, at the beginning of August, the three-power talks attended by Mr. Dulles. Thirdly, in mid-August, the conference in London of 22 nations interested in the Suez Canal. Fourthly, from September 3-9, Mr. Robert Menzies' five member mission of explanation to Cairo. And finally, on September 11, Mr. Dulles' proposal for a Suez Canal Users Association.

The tripartite talks opened in London on July 29, barely 60 hours after Nasser's speech in Alexandria. The first two days of the talks were concerned with the preliminary economic and financial sanctions that could be jointly imposed against Egypt. On July 28 Britain and France had already announced the freezing of Egyptian assets and forbidden the transfer of Suez Canal Company funds to Egypt. On July 30 they announced the cessation of arms exports to Egypt, and on the following day the United States froze Egyptian and Suez Canal Company funds, "pending determination of their ownership and the existing situation" (sic.).

The British and French Governments at this time were making no great effort to keep secret the general character of the military measures that they were putting in hand — comings and goings between Paris and London, the plannings which had begun between Chiefs of Staff and the rumours buzzing round military establishments both in France and in Britain, besides the alerting of the fleets and the air forces; none of this escaped the attention of the Press or of American diplomats and advisers and military attaches in London and in Paris. Mr. Dulles, who had hastened back to Washington from South America on July 29, was well aware of these preparations. And on July 31, on the personal instructions of President Eisenhower, he flew to London to take part in the tripartite talks.

Canal-Users' Conference Proposed

Dulles spent two days in London and from the talks there emerged on August 2 the proposal for a conference to be held in London a fortnight later of the parties to the 1888 Convention and "other nations largely concerned with the use of the Canal, either through ownership of tonnage or pattern of trade." Such a conference, which envisaged the participation of 24 nations, recommended itself to Dulles more than a recourse to the United Nations, where at that time the balance of power was no longer very favourable to the U.S. in particular and to the West in general, when it came to discussing the problems of the Middle Eastern or Asiatic nations.

Britain and France were content to acquiesce to the proposal for a conference, but they were disappointed to find that the American Government was not prepared to pursue a more active policy against Nasser. For example, Dulles refused to give orders to American ships using the Canal not to pay their dues to the new nationalized company. British and French shipowners in any case usually paid their dues straight into accounts in London and Paris, and the Egyptian Government accepted such payments, either to the old company before nationalization or to the new one after, despite the fact that these balances were now blocked. But the Americans, accustomed to paying "on the barrel-head" in Egypt, were continuing to supply Nasser's company with much-needed ready cash.

Nor did Dulles show any enthusiasm for the military preparations that were being undertaken in Britain and France. On the very day, August 2, that invitations for the London Conference were sent out, a royal proclamation was issued in London recalling 20,000 Army reservists, and the French fleet began to concentrate in Toulon. The following day, after his return to Washington, Dulles made it plain that he did not approve of these military preparations. Though he admitted that the Canal must not be exploited for the selfish purpose of any one country, he added that there would be "no American involvement in the Canal dispute even if the London conference were to fail."

Much later, giving evidence before the Appropriations Sub-Committee of the House of Representatives on January 29 1957, Dulles recalled: **Certain elements in Britain and France wanted to seize the Suez Canal by force immediately after it was nationalized by Egypt.**

Asked whether the United States had then prevented Anglo-French military action, Dulles replied:

We took the same position at that time that we took later on when they did move — namely, that it could not be done consistently with the charter of the United Nations and with our NATO treaty.

These observations were kept secret at the time and were not made public until April, 1957.

Of the 24 nations invited to attend the first London Conference only two refused to come: Egypt, on the grounds that she abided by her right to nationalize the Canal, and in any case would not enter into discussions while Britain and France made shows of force; and Greece, who apart from having a grudge against Britain because of Cyprus, was unwilling to displease the Egyptians on account of the large number of Greek nationals living in the Nile delta.

The conference that assembled on August 16 at Lancaster House consisted in the main of Foreign Ministers. Britain and France agreed that the case for the West should be principally stated by Mr. Dulles. This was not so much because of his forensic skill, as because they were still hoping that with full American support their grievances might be redressed without resorting to force. In Egypt's absence, Colonel Naser's case was largely represented by Mr. Shepilov, Foreign Minister of the Soviet Union, and Mr. Krishna Menon, of India.

Although the motives and allegiances of the participating nations were very disparate, Mr. Dulles succeeded in getting a resolution adopted (by all except Russia, Indonesia, Ceylon and India) which called for an international office that would operate the Canal, receive dues, and act as a temporary holding company. Mr. Dulles is a considerable statesman, but sometimes he reverts to his earlier role of corporation lawyer. This whole proposal smelled more of corporation law than of practical politics.

The 18 nations agreed to dispatch to Cairo a mission composed of representatives from five countries to explain their proposal to Colonel Nasser. This was the fourth stage in the diplomatic activity. The mission, led by the Australian Prime Minister, Mr. Robert Menzies, arrived in Cairo on September 3 and was most courteously and hospitably received. But it was merely charged with explanation. It had no orders to negotiate. The support of world opinion behind the 18-nation resolution would have had to be extremely powerful to persuade Nasser to budge from the position that he had every right to nationalize the Canal. It was no surprise, therefore, that Menzies returned from Cairo after six days without achieving anything.

Tomorrow: the break with Dulles.

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'Anglo-Saxons' Hold Heated Debate Over Settlement

By PAT GOLD

ANGLO-Saxon residents and newcomers forgot their supposed traditional reserve at a packed free-for-all discussion on settlement problems, at the British Zionist Federation's Israel Office in Tel Aviv on Monday evening.

One of the more impassioned outbursts directed against what was described as the "politics-ridden" state of the country's institutions, brought from chairman Mr. Shlomo Temkin the reply that "Everything is in a state of change, and those who stay to fight for the changes are doing the real job, not those who leave. The 10,000 'Anglo-Saxons' in Israel have exerted an influence far in excess of their numbers. In all new countries you are fighting a jungle law. A sense of balance is what is needed when viewing the whole."

Most often repeated complaint was about the difficulty of finding work especially for English secretaries and administrative workers.

One girl speaker blamed Patwa for "giving it to be understood in England, that after the Ulpan in Israel, they would find jobs for us." The real difficulty in finding work here was not sufficiently emphasized, she claimed.

Mr. Gershon Asculai, of Patwa, stressed that Hebrew was of first importance, especially for non-professional or non-technical workers. Poor knowledge of it was "one of the greatest bars to work." He added that such workers were, in any case, not really in Patwa's field.

Mr. Temkin thought there should be something to "bridge the gap between Patwa, who dealt with the highly skilled and professionals, and the administrative type worker, such as secretaries."

Mr. Stanley Jackson, chairman of the Haifa office of the British Zionist Federation, suggested that a special Hebrew Ulpan for English shorthand-typists would help achieve this.

Mr. Arye Chapman, of the Jewish Agency in Kiryat Gat, said that the Agency was considering giving loans for the studying of professional courses here.

At the close, Mr. Temkin promised that consideration would be given to all the points that had been brought up, and that another meeting would be held in a month's time.

Also among the speakers was Mr. R. Prachtman, of the English-speaking section of the Jewish Agency Absorption Department.

Chief Rabbi's Role Questioned

YESTERDAY'S PRESS

Davar (Histadrut) finds that the most surprising turn in the present quarrel is Chief Rabbi Herzog's joining in to press Rabbi Toledano not to accept the post. Since when is it the Chief Rabbi's province to intervene in the composition of the Cabinet? That is the prerogative of the Knesset and not of an unholy alliance between Herut and the religious factions.

Ha'aretz (non-party) sees the Knesset debate as a prelude to a comprehensive nation-wide debate about the place of religion in the State, and adds that the elections campaign, unpropitious though it may be for such a discussion, will no doubt hasten it.

Hamodia (World Aguda) concludes from the polemic surrounding the registration issue, that without the existence of political parties the religious community and its interests are apt to be ignored, to say the least, and that experience has shown that these parties can best attain their objective just when they are in the opposition.

Haboker (General Zionist) writes that while it is not clear whether Chief Rabbi Toledano made his acceptance of his ministerial post conditional on the cancellation of the registration directives, the fact remains that the government which had refused to withdraw them to clear the way for the National Religious Party's return to the coalition, suspended them after the Minister's appointment.

Haissefe (National Religious) writes that its party's non-confidence motion was rejected by a mechanical majority, but the public, which considers the honour of its scholars an important element in normal government, does not have confidence in the government whose Prime Minister has refused to retract.

Herut raps the government for permitting German films to be exhibited in this country, and holds that this moral decline is a direct result of the shameless *rapprochement* that began with the Reparations.

Lamerhav (Ahdut Ha'avoda) writes that we should learn the lesson of France's referendum to alter the elections system, for this system is apt to boomerang against its originators. Al Hamishmar (Mapam) too points up the danger of a constituency elections system, which empties parliamentary democracy of its content and endangers the working class.

READERS' LETTERS

High Taxes Prevent Saving

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — As I am not an economist, I would not dare to participate in a public debate on foreign aid and its fate in Israel, if there were not a more private aspect of the problem on hand — the low level of savings in this country (your issue of November 1).

I know a great many middle-class people like myself and I have no doubt whatever that almost all of us understand very well indeed the national and private need for saving. If we all cannot act accordingly, that is not due to "poor understanding of this cardinal point," but to the most simple reason: direct and indirect taxes take all of our income, sometimes leaving us unable to meet essential needs.

One cannot have it both ways: if you acknowledge that our "all silent business partner," the State with all its agencies, is justified in taking from us 40 per cent of our income, you cannot decree that we have to save from the remaining 60 per cent, which is a mere minimum of existence. Neither the inflation scare nor poor understanding nor over-spending are the causes for the low level of savings accounts in Israel, but the fact that that part of the population whose education, understanding and good will best qualify it to save cannot do so.

Yours, etc.
"DENTIST"
(Name and Address Supplied)
Afula, November 10.

NIGHT SHOPPING

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — My wife and I recently visited Israel for 12 days. We did not spend as much in dollars in Israel as we had intended and I believe that the reason for this should be corrected.

In our desire to see as much of the life of the people as we could in that time, as well as the tremendous varied agricultural, educational, welfare and building strides made throughout, down to Eilat, we found ourselves busy from 8.30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

We were very anxious to purchase many items made in Israel as gifts and souvenirs. However, since the shops close at 7 p.m. we found little time for that as we were quite tired at 6 p.m. to go shopping. Our gift and remembrance purchases amounted to only $100 where we had intended to spend perhaps three times as much. We realized other visitors must have the same experience. If given the opportunity, I feel certain that each visitor will spend at least $100 more in Israel. Multiply that by 60,000 visitors and the sum represents $6m. left in Israel.

As a suggestion — stores should be open two nights a week in season, until 9 p.m.

Our visit was very pleasant and enlightening.

Yours, etc.
CHARLES PROMISLO
Philadelphia, Pa., U.S.A.,
November 22.

Machines to sell Souvenirs for Three Million Dollars

In 1960, a telephone number which does not yet exist will receive some 16 million telephone calls. And 120 operators will reply in only a few seconds to questions asked in any language.

The number in question will belong to the new Air France Reservation Centre which is now being installed.

The Reservation Centre will also include a complex of electronic machines costing more than $3 million. Each one is capable of registering from six to twenty million characters and requires only a fraction of a second before furnishing the information required. They can register not only the number of passengers but also their names and retain them over a period of six months of flights.

What then will be the role of the telephone reservations clerk? He will tap on the keyboard the day and the flight number in question; read the availabilities for departures on a screen and transpose onto another keyboard such facts as reservations, options, cancellations and reports.

The technical perfection of this accomplishment undertaken by Air France within the framework of its new expansion programme illustrates the concern of the oldest airline in operation for the five million passengers it will carry in 1960. They will be offered swift and efficient service at every point on the globe.

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MUSICAL DIARY

Outstanding Pianist

Israel Philharmonic Orchestra; Third Subscription Concert; Jean Martinon, Conductor; Glenn Gould, piano, (Mann Auditorium, November 30). Weber: "Freischuetz" Overture; Beethoven: Second Piano Concerto; Martinon: Overture to a Greek Tragedy; Schumann: First Symphony in B flat Major.

WHEN confronted with a genius, one feels instantly that something is happening that does not hail from this world. Indeed, Glenn Gould does not seem to be a "reality." He caught and held the attention of the audience from the opening to the closing note of the Beethoven Concerto, which — though we heard it only a couple of months ago — suddenly seemed as if it had "never" been heard before. His performance was impressive for its natural handling of clearly contrasted sonorities and for its vividly dramatic conception. As for his immense technical competence, one could not even take notice of it, so much was one crushed by the pianist's unusual personality.

M. Martinon's Overture is not a significant contribution to contemporary music. Although brilliantly orchestrated and well constructed, the work does not contain enough thematic substance to capture the listener's interest. On the other hand, M. Martinon is a conductor of rare qualities, the main of which seems to be his inspiring care for details without neglecting, for that, the overall structure of a work he interprets.

In the two romantic works M. Martinon deployed here a dreamlike atmosphere, there a real paroxysm of sonorities, but at the same time he always allowed our orchestra to show its tonal and virtuoso qualities.

Opera Excels

"The Bat" ("Fledermaus") by Johann Strauss (November 29).

OVER a month after the première it was sheer pleasure to attend the above performance and find it a near-perfect achievement. The orchestra, the choir and the entire cast (the same as in the première, except for Rema Samsonov, who advantageously replaces Sara Lash as Prince Orlowsky) have demonstrated, under the spirited guidance of George Singer, genuine teamwork comparable to the achievement of a seasoned opera company.

Such an evening is certainly a good omen, for it proves that our opera is continuously striving for a sounder artistic basis.

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BANK LEUMI INVESTMENT COMPANY LIMITED

hereby announces that it has issued a Prospectus dated November 3, 1958, offering for subscription a series of IL.3,000,000 6% dollar-linked Debentures, 1961-1970.

The main terms of the Debentures are given below:

The Debentures are to be issued either to bearer or as registered Debentures, and capital and interest will be linked to the price of the dollar.

The Debentures will bear interest at the rate of 6% p.a. payable semi-annually on May 31 and November 30 of each year. The first such payment will be on May 31, 1959.

Interest payable on the Debentures will be exempt from all taxes on income with the exception of 25% Income Tax, which the Company will deduct at source. This exemption will not be in derogation of any other exemption or alleviation granted to holders by law.

The Debentures will be redeemed during the years 1961-1970, the details of redemption being stated in the Prospectus.

The entire issue has been taken up by the Bank Leumi le-Israel B.M. which will place the Debentures with the public through the intermediary of all its branches in Israel — for the time being at a price of 100% in respect of bearer Debentures and of 99% in respect of registered Debentures.

All the Debentures will be quoted on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange at a later date.

This announcement does not constitute an invitation to the public to subscribe for the Debentures.